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1939



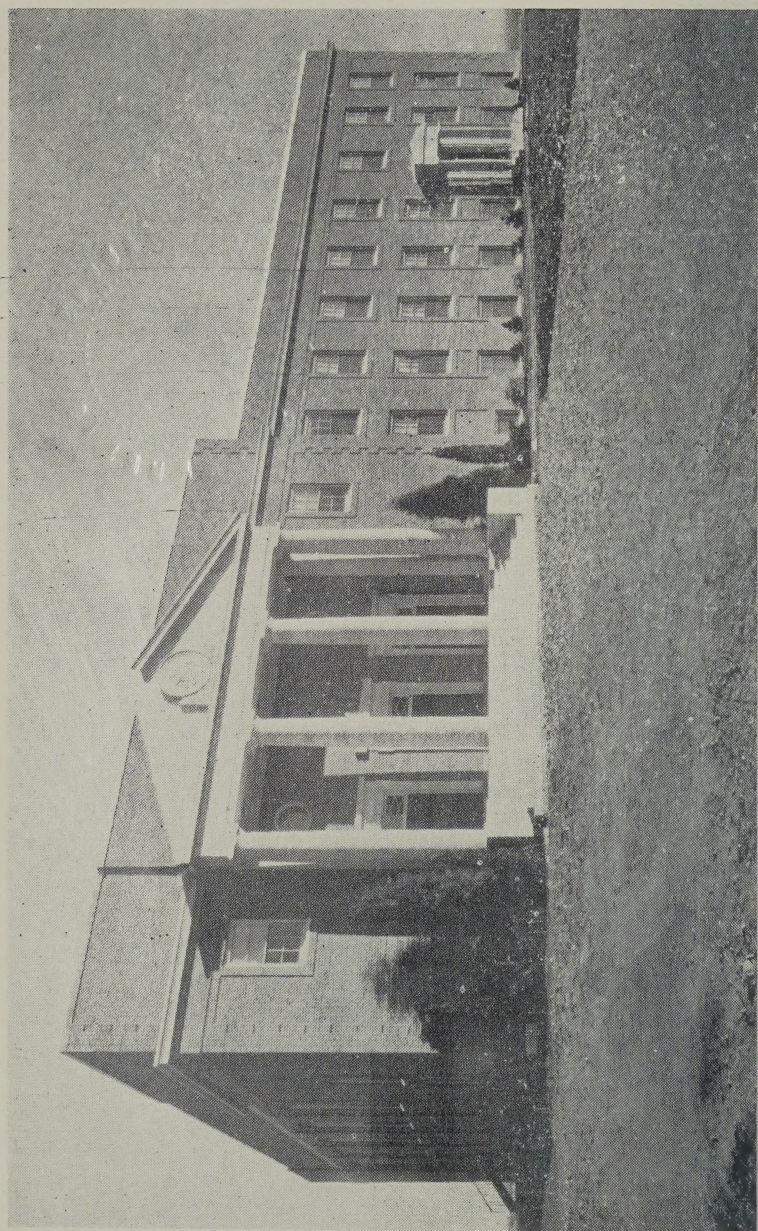


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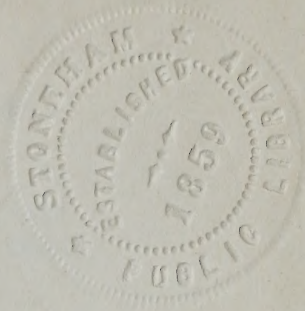












TOWN OF STONEHAM

ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE

FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED

DECEMBER 31

1939





## TOWN OF STONEHAM

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Incorporated, December 24, 1725  
Population, January 1, 1935, 10,841

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Fifth Congressional District  
Sixth Councillor District  
Seventh Middlesex Senatorial District  
Twenty-Second Middlesex Representative District

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Representative in Congress  
Edith Nourse Rogers, Lowell

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Councillor  
Eugene A. F. Burtnett, Somerville

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Senator  
Joseph R. Cotton, Lexington

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Representatives  
Theodore P. Hollis, Stoneham  
Joseph A. Milano, Melrose

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Annual Town Meeting and Election of Officers  
First Monday in March

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Adjourned Town Meeting for the Consideration of Town  
Business Second Monday in March at 7.30 P. M.

## TOWN OFFICERS

### Moderator

George E. MacNeil, Jr. .... Term expires 1940

### Selectmen

Harry R. Dockam, Chairman .... Term expires 1940

Almond H. Smith ..... " " 1940

William D. Desmond ..... " " 1940

### Assessors

Harry S. Ford ..... Term expires 1940

Arthur D. Kenney ..... " " 1941

Lawrence E. Doucett, Chairman ..... " " 1942

### Board of Public Welfare

Frank M. Simons ..... Term expires 1940

Alton W. Estes ..... " " 1941

Fred A. Schneider, Chairman ..... " " 1942

### Board of Health

Lawrence E. Doucett ..... Term expires 1940

Clarence E. Lent ..... " " 1940

George A. Hinchcliffe, (Retired) ..... " " 1941

Gordon F. May, Chairman ..... " " 1942

### School Committee

Frank J. Gallagher ..... Term expires 1940

Ralph R. Patch, Chairman ..... " " 1940

Joseph H. Kerrigan ..... " " 1941

Everett C. Hunt ..... " " 1942

Bertha A. Starr ..... " " 1942

### Park Commissioners

William F. Wilson ..... Term expires 1940

Nicholas E. Apalakis, Chairman ..... " " 1941

Donald F. Glynn ..... " " 1942

### Trustees of the Public Library

Ruth H. Merrifield ..... Term expires 1940

Charles H. Chase, Chairman ..... " " 1940

George A. Packard ..... " " 1941

Alice V. Peyton ..... " " 1941

George A. Hinchcliffe ..... " " 1942

Herbert H. Richardson ..... " " 1942

### Trustees of Lindenwood Cemetery

Charles W. Messer ..... Term expires 1940

Simeon C. Fuller ..... " " 1941

George B. Williams, Chairman ..... " " 1942

George R. Barnstead ..... " " 1943

Clarence E. Lent ..... " " 1944



### Constables

Robert H. Bradley .....	Term expires	1940
H. Franklin Morey .....	" "	1940
J. Clarence Nelson .....	" "	1940

### Town Clerk

Charles A. Owen .....	Term expires	1940
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### Treasurer and Collector

George H. Holden .....	Term expires	1940
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### Tree Warden

Percival H. Wardwell .....	Term expires	1940
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### Finance and Advisory Board

Elizabeth G. Boyd .....	Term expires	1940
Joel T. Whittemore .....	" "	1940
Solon J. Candage .....	" "	1940
A. Ernest Clark .....	" "	1941
T. Arthur Pettengill .....	" "	1941
Patrick J. Callahan .....	" "	1941
Charles E. Crosby, Chairman .....	" "	1942
Elwood B. Elliott .....	" "	1942
C. Frank Munger .....	" "	1942

### Planning Board

Leslie C. French .....	Term expires	1940
William A. Garside .....	" "	1940
Frederick P. Hanford .....	" "	1940
Charles J. Rotundi .....	" "	1940
Albery E. Casey .....	" "	1940
George R. Barnstead, Jr., Chairman .....	" "	1941
Catherine T. Driscoll, (Resigned) .....	" "	1941
Warlen M. Mirick .....	" "	1941
Ora Hill Bingham .....	" "	1941
Russell C. Chase .....	" "	1942
George E. MacNeil, Jr. ....	" "	1942
Ralph A. Jenkins .....	" "	1942
Joseph B. Geremonte .....	" "	1942

### Bureau of Old Age Assistance

Alton W. Estes, Chairman .....	Frederick P. Hanford
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Fred A. Schneider

### Appointed Officers

Town Counsel .....	John N. Kelly
Town Accountant .....	Charles A. Owen
Superintendent of Schools .....	Charles E. Varney
School Physician .....	Norman P. Hersam, M.D.
Attendance Officer .....	Herbert N. Louis
General Clerk .....	Carol M. Corkum

Clerk — Selectmen's Office .....	Edna L. Tolman
Treasurer's Clerk .....	Clare P. Perry
Treasurer's Clerk .....	Walter G. Leavitt
Assessors' Clerk .....	Harry A. Williams
Agent, Board of Health .....	Charles A. Owen
Health Officer .....	George A. Hinchcliffe (Retired)
Health Officer .....	Gordon F. May
Inspector of Milk .....	Gordon F. May
Collector of Milk Samples .....	Lawrence E. Doucett
Inspector of Plumbing .....	David Taggart (Retired)
Inspector of Plumbing .....	David Martin
Inspector of Animals .....	William H. Rolfe
Inspector of Slaughtering .....	William H. Rolfe
Superintendent of Public Works .....	Albert E. Casey
Inspector of Buildings and Wires .....	Charles Baldwin (Retired)
Inspector of Buildings and Wires .....	Albert R. Dutton
Sealer of Weights and Measures .....	J. Algernon Forbes
Superintendent of Moth Work .....	Percival H. Wardwell
Public Weigher .....	Arthur O. Wheeler
Public Welfare Investigator .....	Daniel Cullinane
Public Welfare Clerk .....	E. Paul Houghton
Old Age Assistance Investigator .....	Robert O'Loughlin
Superintendent of Infirmary .....	William H. Rolfe
Matron of Infirmary .....	Gertrude Rolfe
Town Physician .....	Thomas P. Devlin
Burial Agent .....	Charles A. Owen
Field Driver .....	J. Clarence Nelson
Pound Keeper .....	William H. Rolfe
Dog Officer .....	George N. Savard
Custodian of Town Hall .....	George B. Williams
Assistant Janitor of Town Offices .....	Eugene C. Lemoine

#### Board of Appeal

John W. Dolan .....	Term expires 1940
Albert W. Nelson, Chairman .....	" " 1941
Fred J. Mahn .....	" " 1941
Theodore F. Moore .....	" " 1942
Orvis H. Saxby .....	" " 1942

#### Registrars of Voters

Daniel Cullinane .....	Term expires 1940
Fred A. Lawson, Chairman .....	" " 1941
Martin F. McDonough .....	" " 1942
Charles A. Owen, Town Clerk .....	Ex-Officio



## **Retirement Board**

Arthur N. Newhall, Chairman

Harry A. Williams

Charles A. Owen

## **Police Department**

J. Clarence Nelson, Captain

John G. O'Brien, Sergeant

William H. O'Toole, Sergeant

## **Patrolmen**

Dennis L. McKinnon

Thomas J. Flynn

R. Harold Bradley

George E. Johnson

John P. Judge

Ellis B. Bradshaw

Andrew J. Tuney

George J. McDonough

## **Reserve Police Officers**

George N. Savard

John J. McHale

Warren H. Barnes

Thomas H. Finnegan

Walter R. Burns

## **Fire Department**

William F. McCall, Chief Engineer

Fred L. Newhall, Assistant Chief Engineer

## **Permanent Men**

Herbert E. Plummer

William E. Crosby

Joseph Tansey

Richard R. Ervin

William J. Plummer

Henry H. Thorn

## **Call Men**

Charles E. Brewer

Henry J. Crosby

Fred H. Peterson

Frederick E. Sweet

John J. Graham

John T. Walden

William F. McCall, Jr.

Edward Perry

George Whitcher

Charles Whitcher

John L. Knight

Arthur C. Lawson

Ernest S. Frazier

John McPartland

Raymond L. Stone

Robert E. Brown

Harry Potter

James McDermott

Joseph W. Hannaford

Frank E. Parks

Wilfred Tyler

## **Fence Viewers**

Almond H. Smith

Harry R. Dockam

William D. Desmond

## **COMMITTEES**

### **Town Hall Building**

Percival H. Wardwell

William D. Desmond

Everett C. Hunt

George E. MacNeil, Jr.

Robert A. Newcomb

Charles A. Owen

### **North School Building**

Almond H. Smith

Charles E. Varney

George L. Mirick

Frederick P. Hanford

John E. O'Doherty

### **Christmas Lighting**

Russell C. Chase

Ralph A. Jenkins

George R. Barnstead, Jr.

William A. Garside

Catherine T. Driscoll

### **Memorial Day**

J. P. Gould Post 75, G. A. R.

George E. Kenson

Joseph A. Moulton

**Leon E. Warren Camp 31, U. S. W. V.**

William D. Desmond	Arthur N. Newhall	George B. Williams
John P. Lawson	Harry S. Ford	William Doucette

**Steneham Post 115, A. L.**

Clarence E. Lent	Dr. William S. Coy	T. Arthur Ireland
Orvis H. Saxby	Ernest N. Thibodeau	James J. McHale

**Tax Titles**

John N. Kelly, Town Counsel	Arthur N. Newhall
Almond H. Smith	Walter E. Leavitt      Luther Hill

**WPA Administration and Projects**

Board of Selectmen	James A. Munro	Thomas M. Hurley
Clarence W. Houghton	James R. Breagy	

**Addition To Public Works Yard and Buildings**

Martin L. Hines	Robert A. Newcomb	James A. Munro
William G. Bugbee	Lawrence W. Scammon	

## TOWN OF STONEHAM — LIST OF JURORS as Revised by Selectmen 1939

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Albertson, William L., Investigator, 1153 Franklin St.  
Anderson, Ralph F., Radio Technician, 1159 Franklin St.  
Anderton, Herbert, Assistant Cashier, 1164 Franklin St.  
Austin, Frederick L., Assistant Manager, 1 Columbus Ave.  
Aznive, Leon L., Photo Engraver, 31 Perkins St.  
Barwood, Augustus V., Manufacturer, 53 Elm St.  
Bell, George E., Hardware Dealer, 149 Hancock St.  
Bellows, Horace E., Jeweler, 173 Hancock St.  
Blanchard, Forrest S., Manager, 48 Broadway  
Blanchard, Loring W., Honey Dealer, 48 Elm St.  
Bowser, Horace F., Retired, 179 Hancock St.  
Boyd, Elbert R., Druggist, 35 Maple St.  
Boyd, Thomas P., Engineer, 25 Newcomb Rd.  
Brady, Thomas F., Shipper, 10 Waverly St.  
Breagy, Fred J., Retired, 174 Hancock St.  
Breagy, James R., Retired, 556 Main St.  
Bridgman, William E., Salesman, 1 West St. Ext.  
Brown, Edwin S., Manager, 37 Newcomb Rd.  
Buck, Raymond P., Filling Station, 18 Hersam St.  
Chambers, Walter H., Dentist, 19 Broadway  
Cheswell, Ernest C., Research Engineer, 35 Isabella St.  
Coburn, Frank S., Buyer, 7 Harrison St.  
Coleman, Willard G., Sales Manager, 1155 Franklin St.  
Cushing, Edward H., Salesman, 7 Harrison St.  
Daly, Carl F., Telephone, 32 Waverly St.  
Davis, Daniel J., Stereotyper, 7 Broadway  
Davis, Homer W., Printer, 19 Harrison St.  
Davis, James, Secretary, 40 Perkins St.  
Dewhurst, Joseph C., Clerk, 36 Broadway  
Doyle, William J., Shoeworker, 12 Broadway  
Driscoll, Thomas L., Superintendent, 8 Isabella St.  
English, John P., District Representative, 37 Maple St.  
French, Leslie C., Architect, 18 Wright St.  
Fulton, James F., Jr, Shipper, 18 Flint Ave.  
Gaffney, Lester D., Bookkeeper, 9 Pond St.  
Gardner, Frank W., Broker, 1170 Franklin St.  
Glendon, Henry R., Supervisor, 41 High St.  
Griffin, William H., Pressman, 33 Perkins St.  
Hacking, Andrew, Fruit and Produce Dealer, 20 Lincoln St.  
Hamill, Frank B., Retired, 40 Wright St.  
Harding, Jesse, Assistant Manager, 13 Harrison St.



Hayward, Alexander C., Plumber, 27 Waverly St.  
 Haseltine, Stephen, Jr., Civil Engineer, 8 Harrison St.  
 Hemeon, William T., Clerk, 28 Washington St.  
 Hines, Martin L., Insurance Adjustor, 49 North Ave.  
 Hodgman, Albert R., Clerk, 32 Broadway  
 Holden, A. Albert, Salesman, 32 Cedar Ave.  
 Holden, Lester D., Salesman, 6 Congress St.  
 Horton, Charles H., Printer, 5 Perkins St.  
 Hurley, Thomas M., District Superintendent, 149 Elm St.  
 Jensen, John C., Stationery Engineer, 24 Perkins St.  
 Kedy, Stiles F., Engineer, 1200 Franklin St.  
 Kelly, John F., Meat Cutter, 8½ Elm St.  
 Kelly, John P., Shoeworker, 43 Gould St.  
 Knight, Edward J., Painter, 57 Pine St.  
 Landers, Garrett, Fireman. 46 Elm St.  
 LaRose, Arthur F., Salesman, 1162 Franklin St.  
 Lawton, Dennis F., Salesman, 24 Isabella St.  
 Leach, Ralph H., Salesman, 58 Perkins St.  
 Lester, Edwin, Silversmith, 9 Waverly St.  
 Lobdell, Alban J., Jr., Chemical Engineer, 16 Newcomb Rd.  
 Lundberg, Morris E., Civil Engineer, 73 Elm St.  
 MacDonald, Hector D., Shipper, 1171 Franklin St.  
 Merrifield, George E., Trucking, 33 High St.  
 Miller, Robert C., Pattern Maker, 43 Isabella St.  
 Montgomery, John L., Shade Manufacturer, 16 Middlesex Rd.  
 Morrison, Arthur W., Electrical, 63 Elm St.  
 Morrison, Walter E., Chauffeur, 25 Warren St.  
 Munn, Thomas J., Salesman, 49 Perkins St.  
 Munro, James A., Executive, 326 William St.  
 Murray, William, Clothing, 31 Broadway  
 Newcomb, Wallace E., Builder, 20 Newcomb Rd.  
 Newhall, Elmer E., Printer, 10 Pine St.  
 Noonan, Edward M., Carpenter, 15 High St.  
 O'Doherty, John E., Division Supt., 25 Broadway  
 Owen, Randolph J., Chemist, 62 Green St.  
 Parker, Charles W., Electrician, 70 High St  
 Parker, Russell F., Florist, 32 High St.  
 Patch, Claude E., Industrial Engineer, 26 Lincoln St.  
 Pike, Howard I., Foreman, 3 Winthrop St.  
 Pinkham, Henry M., Geneologist, 6 Jefts Ter.  
 Place, Ernest L., Business Manager, Woodland Rd.  
 Pratt, Albert E., Painter, 11 West St.  
 Price, Adelbert B., Electrical Engineer, 30 Isabella St.  
 Reynolds, Joseph H., Plumber, 5 Peabody Rd.  
 Robinson, Clayton R., Carpenter, 59 Elm St.

Rogers, Chester A., Banker, 538 Main St.  
Ryan, John P., Salesman, 25 Waverly St.  
Schaefer, Emil W., Newsdealer, 23 High St.  
Sleeper, John T., Salesman, 1161 Franklin St.  
Spering, Edward F., Salesman, 19 Waverly St.  
Standish, L. Whitney, Architect, 1 Harrison St.  
Strail, Henry D., Watchman, 23 Warren St.  
Strobel, Walter H., Chauffeur, 15 Butler Ave.  
Syak, Tedd J., Merchant, 5 Elm St.  
Tarbox, Harold A., Electrician, 70 High St.  
Thompson, Charles I., Towel Supply, 90 Elm St.  
Terry, Arthur N., Advertiser, 167 Hancock St.  
Tolman, Ralph W., Machinist, 27 Warren St.  
Vacca, Peter, Contractor, 44 Pond St.  
Wainwright, Charles H., Engineer, 18 Perkins St.  
Warren, Daniel E., Furniture Mover, 8 Pine St.  
Weir, Leon W., Asst. Vice Pres., 1 Newcomb Rd.  
Wilby, John C., Baker, 31 Harrison St.  
Williams, Charles F., Steel Stamps, 37 Isabella St.  
Wyman, Frank M., Publisher, 99 High St.  
Wyman, Willard F., Manager, 2 Steele St.  
Yeaton, Richard L., Mechanic, 1 Nina St.  
Young, Ernest L., Retired, 33 Chestnut St.  
Young, George E., Jr., Shipper, 30 High St.

## TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

### Town Meeting, Monday, March 6, 1939

Agreeable to a Warrant signed by the Selectmen February 7, 1939, the inhabitants of the Town of Stoneham, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, met in Armory Hall in said town on Monday, March 6, 1939 at seven o'clock in the forenoon.

The meeting was called to order by Moderator George E. MacNeil, Jr., and the Warrant read.

The Tellers appointed by the Selectmen, as required by law, were sworn by the Town Clerk and assigned to duty as follows:

#### Ballot Clerks

**Republicans** — Dwight D. Dewhurst, Donald J. Morrison

**Democrats** — James F. Mahoney, William J. Monarch

#### Tellers

**Republicans** — Carrie E. Bancroft, Charles H. Parsons, Dorothy D. Robinson, Henry D. Strail, Alice R. Worthen

**Democrats** — Helen M. Barry, Marie M. Burns, Annie E. Dolan, Gerald M. Driscoll, Mary A. McDonough

The ballots were given to the Ballot Clerks, a receipt taken from them for the same, the ballot boxes were opened and examined, the registers set at 0, locked, and the keys given to the Moderator, after which the polls were declared open.

The Moderator appointed as additional Tellers to canvass and count ballots, the following who were sworn by the Town Clerk:

**Republicans** — Ruth I. Best, Anita Cerchione, Elsie B. Clark, Woodman W. Clough, Clyde R. Dodge, Earle H. Donald, James E. Fulton, James E. Fulton, Jr., Joseph B. Geremonte, Lillian R. Gorham, Arthur F. Keenan, Joseph A. Keenan, Arthur L. LaRose, Laurence A. MacDonald, Bertha C. Moulton, Lewis H. Parks, Lester K. Pratt, William N. Rogers, Lillie M. Southwick, Edward L. Strobel, Ralph W. Tolman.

**Democrats** — Veronica A. Bauer, Joseph J. Callahan, James R. Casey, Annie L. Cody, Arline E. Cogan, Henry P. Desmond, Grace M. Doherty, Mary A. K. Hamill, Margaret M. Hanright, George H. Hansell, Ellen E. Hogan, Agnes N. Kelly, Emma A. Kelly, Velvin C. Kelly, John F. McHale, Ernest F. O'Brien, John F. O'Neil, Jr., Elizabeth A. Reynolds, Margaret E. Simkins, James A. Smith, Mary E. Theisfeldt, Alice C. Walsh.

By unanimous consent of the Moderator and Town Clerk the ballot boxes were opened and ballots taken therefrom for the purpose of counting at two o'clock in the afternoon.

The Tellers appointed to canvass and count ballots were



divided into groups of four, two Republicans and two Democrats in each group.

At eight o'clock in the evening the polls were declared closed at which time the ballot box No. 1 registered 1,895 and the ballot box No. 2 registered 2,023 as ascertained by the Town Clerk.

The check lists at the gates had the names of 3,918 as having received ballots.

The check lists at the ballot boxes had the names of 3,918 persons checked as having voted.

The number of unused ballots returned to the Town Clerk was 1,166.

The number of ballots taken from the ballot boxes, as counted by the Moderator was 3,918.

Ballots cast .....	3918
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#### **MODERATOR — One Year**

George E. MacNeil, Jr., 251 Main Street .....	2815
Scattering .....	2
Blanks .....	1101

George E. MacNeil, Jr., having received the highest number of all the votes cast for Moderator, was declared elected for one year.

#### **SELECTMEN — One Year**

William D. Desmond, 67 Elm Street .....	1785
Harry R. Dockam, 13 Wright Street .....	2198
Charles Gibbons, 15 Upland Road .....	1613
William C. Gibbons, 6 Gould Street .....	1298
John E. Roach, 2 West Hancock Street .....	1229
Almond H. Smith, 1174 Franklin Street .....	1922
Blanks .....	1709

William D. Desmond, Harry R. Dockam and Almond H. Smith, having received the three highest numbers of all the votes cast for Selectmen were declared elected for one year.

#### **TOWN TREASURER — One Year**

George H. Holden, 36 Pond Street .....	3418
Blanks .....	500

George H. Holden, having received the highest number of all the votes cast for Town Treasurer, was declared elected for one year.

#### **TAX COLLECTOR — One Year**

George H. Holden, 36 Pond Street .....	3351
Blanks .....	567

George H. Holden, having received the highest number of all the votes cast for Tax Collector, was declared elected for one year.

### ASSESSOR — Three Years

James R. Breagy, 556 Main Street .....	1735
Lawrence E. Doucett, 15 Pine Street .....	1922
Scattering .....	2
Blanks .....	259

Lawrence E. Doucett, having received the highest number of all the votes cast for Assessor, was declared elected for three years

### BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE — One Year

George W. Cook, 1 Highland Avenue .....	414
Elliott M. Dorn, 23 Everett Street .....	274
Josepha M. Ervin, 2 Baldwin Road .....	341
Lester D. Gaffney, 9 Pond Street .....	527
Henry M. Hurl, 106 Summer Street .....	988
Frank M. Simons, 19 Everett Street .....	1065
Blanks .....	309

Frank M. Simons, having received the highest number of all the votes cast for Board of Public Welfare for one year, was declared elected for one year.

### BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE — Three Years

Catherine T. Driscoll, 22 Maple Street .....	1031
Fred A. Schneider, 50 Broadway .....	2045
Roy K. Wentworth, 22 Gerry Street .....	529
Blanks .....	313

Fred A. Schneider, having received the highest number of all the votes cast for Board of Public Welfare for three years, was declared elected for three years.

### CONSTABLES — One Year

R. Harold Bradley, 4 Spring Lane .....	2694
H. Franklin Morey, 20 Common Street .....	2728
J. Clarence Nelson, 93 Main Street .....	2931
Scattering .....	2
Blanks .....	3399

R. Harold Bradley, H. Franklin Morey and J. Clarence Nelson, having received the three highest numbers of all the votes cast for Constables, were declared elected for one year.

### BOARD OF HEALTH — Three Years

Joseph H. Kerrigan, 481 Main Street .....	1807
Gordon F. May, 45 Hillside Avenue .....	1960
Blanks .....	151

Gordon F. May, having received the highest number of all the votes cast for Board of Health, was declared elected for three years.

### SCHOOL COMMITTEE — Three Years

Everett C. Hunt, 25 Wilson Road .....	2045
A. Louise Morrill, 58 Elm Street .....	1497
Clyde H. Severance, 1 Tremont Street .....	1521
Bertha A. Starr, 18 Everett Street .....	1984
Blanks .....	789

Everett C. Hunt and Bertha A. Starr, having received the two highest numbers of all the votes cast for School Committee, were declared elected for three years.

### TREE WARDEN — One Year

Percival H. Wardwell, 42 Broadway .....	3091
Blanks .....	827

Percival H. Wardwell, having received the highest number of all the votes cast for Tree Warden, was declared elected for one year.

### PARK COMMISSIONER — Three Years

Donald F. Glynn, 1 Hotin Road .....	1522
Arthur C. Lawson, 9 Flint Avenue .....	838
Ralph E. Roberts, 2 Hill Court .....	931
Blanks .....	627

Donald F. Glynn, having received the highest number of all the votes cast for Park Commissioner, was declared elected for three years.

### TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC LIBRARY — Three Years

Robert D. Callahan, 18 Middle Street .....	1646
George A. Hinchcliffe, 2 East Street .....	2157
Herbert H. Richardson, 80 Central Street .....	2181
Blanks .....	1852

George A. Hinchcliffe and Herbert H. Richardson, having received the two highest numbers of all the votes cast for Trustees of Public Library, were declared elected for three years.

### TRUSTEE LINDENWOOD CEMETERY — Five Years

Clarence E. Lent, 34 Wright Street .....	3008
Blanks .....	910

Clarence E. Lent, having received the highest number of all the votes cast for Trustee of Lindenwood Cemetery, was declared elected for five years.

Voted: That the Moderator appoint a committee of three to nominate members of the Planning Board. Under the foregoing vote, the Moderator appointed the following committee: Frederick P. Hanford, Robert D. Callahan, Ralph Petto.

All requirements of the law having been complied with, it was voted to adjourn to meet in Armory Hall on Monday, March 13, 1939, at 7:30 o'clock in the evening.



## Adjourned Town Meeting, Monday, March 13, 1939

Agreeable to the warrant signed by the Selectmen, February 7, 1939, and in accordance with the By-Laws of the town, the inhabitants of the Town of Stoneham, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, met in Armory Hall on Monday, March 13, 1939, at seven-thirty o'clock in the evening.

Tellers appointed to check the names of those entering the hall were: Carrie E. Bancroft, Helen M. Barry, Marie M. Burns, Gerald M. Driscoll, Donald J. Morrison, Charles H. Parsons.

The check lists showed that five hundred and eighty-one voters were present.

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator George E. MacNeil, Jr.

Article 2. To choose all other necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing in such manner as the Town shall determine.

Voted: That the Selectmen be authorized to appoint all other necessary Town Officers, whose appointment is not otherwise provided for by law.

The committee to nominate members of the Planning Board submitted the following names: George E. MacNeil, Jr., Russell C. Chase, Ralph A. Jenkins, Joseph B. Geremonte.

Voted that George E. MacNeil, Jr., Russell C. Chase, Ralph A. Jenkins, Joseph B. Geremonte, serve as members of the Planning Board for three years.

Article 3. To hear the reports of Town Officers and Committees and to act thereon and to choose Committees.

Voted: That the following serve as Memorial Day Committee: G. A. R.—George E. Kenson, Joseph A. Moulton; U. S. W. V.—William D. Desmond, Arthur N. Newhall, George B. Williams, John P. Lawson, Harry S. Ford, William Doucette; American Legion—Clarence E. Lent, Dr. William S. Coy, T. Arthur Ireland, Orvis H. Saxby, Ernest N. Thibodeau, James J. McHale.

Voted: That a committee of five be appointed for the purpose of making a study and survey of the tax titles now held by the Town, who shall make a report with its recommendations as to proper disposition of tax titles, said committee to consist of the Town Counsel, Arthur N. Newhall, Almond H. Smith, Walter G. Leavitt and Luther Hill.

William D. Desmond, Chairman of the Committee to investigate the matter of erecting a Town Hall, reported that the matter had been taken from the Committee and in accordance with a vote passed at a Town Meeting held June 30, 1938, the Town Hall is now in process of erection.

At 8:35 o'clock it was voted to adjourn the Town Meeting for fifteen minutes. Yes—243. No—190.

At 8:50 the meeting was again called to order.

Article 4. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year, by taxation or transfer from available funds, and to make appropriations for the same.

Voted: That the sum of \$26,334.00 be appropriated for General Government as itemized in the recommendations of the Finance and Advisory Board, as follows:

#### General Government

Moderator .....	\$25.00
Finance and Advisory Board .....	100.00
Selectmen's Salaries .....	300.00
Selectmen's Miscellaneous .....	1,700.00
Accounting Department .....	1,850.00
Treasurer and Collector, Salary .....	2,500.00
Treasurer and Collector, Expenses .....	4,325.00
Treasurer and Collector, Bonds .....	669.00
Assessors, Salaries .....	1,200.00
Assessors, Clerk .....	1,600.00
Assistant Assessors .....	300.00
Street Lists .....	250.00
Assessors' Expenses .....	450.00
Other Finance Accounts .....	50.00
Legal Department .....	1,900.00
Town Clerk, Salary .....	1,100.00
Town Clerk, Expenses .....	125.00
Elections and Registrations .....	1,675.00
General Clerk Hire .....	1,040.00
Board of Appeal .....	100.00
Planning Board .....	75.00
Town Hall & Municipal Offices .....	5,000.00
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	\$26,334.00

Voted: That the sum of \$67,005.00 be appropriated for Protection of Persons and Property as itemized in the recommendations of the Finance and Advisory Board, as follows:

#### Protection of Persons and Property

Police Department .....	\$ 29,013.00
Officers, Athletic Contests .....	100.00
Fire Department .....	22,418.00
Hydrant Service .....	5,000.00
Rifle Practice .....	600.00
Sealer Weights and Measures .....	300.00

Inspector of Buildings .....	975.00
Inspector of Wires .....	675.00
Moth Suppression .....	4,516.00
Tree Warden, Salary .....	435.00
Shade Trees .....	2,973.00

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\$67,005.00

Voted: That the sum of \$25,797.34 be appropriated for Health and Sanitation as itemized in the recommendations of the Finance and Advisory Board as follows:

#### Health and Sanitation

Board of Health, Salaries .....	\$300.00
Health Officer .....	1,800.00
Board of Health, General .....	3,425.00
Diphtheria Immunization .....	60.00
Middlesex County Hospital .....	3,908.34
Vital Statistics .....	100.00
Dental Clinic .....	1,050.00
Board of Health, Nurse .....	1,000.00
Disposal of Ashes .....	2,496.00
Care of Dump .....	760.00
Disposal of Garbage .....	1,900.00
Comfort Station .....	200.00
Miscellaneous, Advertising, etc. ....	25.00
Sewer Maintenance .....	4,855.00
Sewer Services .....	1,958.00
Sewer Extensions .....	1,960.00

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\$25,797.34

Voted: That the item for Snow Removal be amended to read \$7,500.00 instead of \$5,500.00 as shown in the recommendations of the Finance and Advisory Board.

Voted: That the sum of \$62,886.00 be appropriated for Highways as itemized in the amended recommendations of the Finance and Advisory Board as follows:

#### Highways

Highways, General .....	\$30,000.00
Road Machinery Account .....	4,511.00
Chapter 90 Maintenance .....	1,500.00
Sidewalks and Edgestones .....	2,825.00
Snow Removal .....	7,500.00
Street Signs and Beacons .....	1,700.00
Street Railings .....	325.00



Stone Bounds .....	25.00
Street Lighting .....	14,500.00
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	\$62,886.00

Voted: That the sum of \$114,910.20 be appropriated for Charities and Soldiers' Benefits as itemized in the recommendations of the Finance and Advisory Board, as follows:

#### Charities and Soldiers' Benefits

Board Public Welfare, Salaries .....	\$300.00
Board Public Welfare, Clerk .....	925.60
Board Public Welfare, Agent, Sal. & Exp. ....	1,869.00
Town Physician .....	1,000.00
Board Public Welfare, Administration .....	150.00
Outside Relief .....	41,950.00
Infirmary .....	8,450.00
Aid to Dependent Children, Administration .....	25.00
Aid to Dependent Children, Agent .....	231.00
Aid to Dependent Children, Clerical .....	114.40
Aid to Dependent Children .....	10,264.00
Old Age Assistance, Administration .....	250.00
Old Age Assistance, Agent, Salary & Expenses .....	850.00
Old Age Assistance, Disbursements .....	38,531.20
State and Military Aid .....	2,500.00
Soldiers' Relief .....	7,500.00
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	\$114,910.20

Voted: That the sum of \$172,985.00 be appropriated for Schools and Library as itemized in the recommendations of the Finance and Advisory Board, as follows:

#### Schools and Library

Schools, General .....	\$163,485.00
Americanization School .....	500.00
Trade Schools .....	1,000.00
Library .....	8,000.00
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	\$172,985.00

Voted: That the item for Memorial Day be amended to read \$600.00 instead of \$450.00 as shown in the recommendations of the Finance and Advisory Board.

Voted: That the sum of \$27,801.92 be appropriated for Recreation and Unclassified as itemized in the amended recommendations of the Finance and Advisory Board, as follows:

### Recreation and Unclassified

Parks and Playgrounds .....	\$4,560.00
Damage Claims .....	1,000.00
Memorial Day .....	600.00
Care of Soldiers' Graves .....	550.00
Rent of Veterans' Quarters .....	800.00
Fire Insurance .....	5,340.00
Automobile Fire Insurance .....	175.00
Motor Vehicle Liability Insurance .....	1,078.60
Compensation Insurance .....	2,374.78
Payroll Public Liability Insurance .....	100.00
General Liability Insurance .....	261.35
Boiler Insurance .....	529.19
Town Reports .....	708.00
Travel Outside of State .....	200.00
Retirement Fund .....	9,525.00

\$27,801.92

Voted: That the sum of \$22,240.00 be appropriated for Enterprises and Cemeteries as itemized in the recommendations of the Finance and Advisory Board, as follows:

### Enterprises and Cemeteries

Water Maintenance .....	\$13,000.00
Water Services .....	1,850.00
Lindenwood Cemetery .....	5,135.00
Pleasant Street Cemetery .....	200.00
Town Scales .....	50.00
Care of Civic Property .....	2,005.00

\$22,240.00

Voted: That the sum of \$44,659.55 be appropriated for Interest and Maturing Debt as itemized in the recommendations of the Finance and Advisory Board, as follows:

### Interest and Maturing Debt

Interest .....	\$8,500.00
Debt .....	36,159.55

\$44,659.55

Voted: That the foregoing sums appropriated for town charges amounting to \$564,619.01 be raised as follows:

From the Revenue of the Current Year .....	\$540,188.34
From unexpended balances of appropriations as shown under Article 13 .....	1,149.55

From Highway Fund in accordance with Article	
39 to be applied to the appropriation for Highways .....	10,681.12
From the proceeds of the sales of lots and graves	
in accordance with Article 16 to be applied to	
the appropriation for Lindenwood Cemetery .....	2,600.00
By transfer from the Excess and Deficiency Account.....	10,000.00

Voted: That the sum of \$10,000.00 be appropriated as a Reserve Fund to be raised as follows:

\$2,271.82 to be transferred from the Overlay Reserve Account and \$7,728.18 to be raised in the levy of the current year.

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1939, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, General Laws.

Voted: That the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen be and hereby is authorized to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1939, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, General Laws.

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money for general municipal purposes under authority of and in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 49, of the Acts of 1933 as amended.

Voted: That the subject matter of this article be indefinitely postponed.

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to grant free use of Armory Hall to Veterans' organizations and to organizations of a community nature.

Voted: That the Selectmen be authorized to grant free use of Armory Hall to Veterans' organizations, and to organizations of a community nature, for such length of time as the said Armory Hall is open for use.

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to pay the rent of quarters or to lease quarters for the use of J. P. Gould Post No. 75, G. A. R.; Leon E. Warren Camp 31, U. S. W. V.; Stoneham Post No 115, American Legion; raise and appropriate money therefor or do anything in relation thereto

Voted: That the Town pay the rent for the quarters used

by the Veterans' organizations called for under this Article, any expense to come from the appropriation made for said purposes under Article 4.

Article 9. To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Health to make appointments from its own membership to the following positions: Health Officer, Milk Inspector, Collector and Analyst of Milk Samples, Board of Health Physician, and raise and appropriate money for salaries of said officers. (Board of Health.)

Voted: That the Town do authorize the Board of Health to make appointments from its own membership to the following positions: Health Officer, Milk Inspector, Collector and Analyst of Milk Samples; and that the salaries of said appointees be fixed as follows:

Health Officer and Milk Inspector .....	\$1,800.00
Collector and Analyst of Milk Samples .....	250.00

The salary of the Health Officer to be paid from the appropriation made therefor, and the salary of the Collector and Analyst of Milk Samples to be paid from the Board of Health general appropriation.

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for Christmas lighting; appoint a Committee to expend such sum or do anything in relation thereto. (Planning Board.)

Voted: That the sum of \$200 be raised and appropriated for Christmas lighting, said appropriation to be expended by a committee consisting of Russell C. Chase, Ralph A. Jenkins, George R. Barnstead, Jr., William A. Garside, and Catherine T. Driscoll.

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate money for the Town's share of WPA expenses and determine how the appropriation shall be raised, by borrowing or otherwise, or do anything in relation thereto. (Selectmen.)

Voted: That the sum of \$3650 be raised and appropriated for expenses of administration of WPA projects, and that the sum of \$20,000 be raised and appropriated for the Town's share of WPA expenses, said appropriations to be expended by a committee consisting of the Board of Selectmen, James A. Munro, Thomas M. Hurley, Clarence W. Houghton and James R. Breagy.

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum sufficient to pay the County of Middlesex, as required by law, the Town's share of the net cost of the care, maintenance, and repair of the Middlesex County Tuberculosis Hospital, as assessed in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 111 of the General Laws and Acts in amendment thereof and in addition



thereto and including Chapter 400, Section 25G (6) (a) of the Acts of 1936, or take any action in relation thereto. (County Commissioners.)

Voted: That the sum of \$3,908.34, this being the Town's share of the net cost of care, maintenance and repairs of the Middlesex County Tuberculosis Hospital, including interest on temporary notes issued therefor, and including Chapter 400, Section 25G (6) (a) of the Acts of 1936, be and the said sum is hereby appropriated as voted under Article 4.

Article 13. To see what action the Town will take regarding the disposition of unexpended balances of appropriations made for specific purposes as follows:

Fire Station Doors .....	\$1.05
Lindenwood Road Bridge .....	33.55
Beacon Street .....	462.37
Royal Street .....	66.58
Re-arrangement of Traffic Signals .....	10.00
Shingling Infirmary Barn .....	1.00
North School Toilets .....	575.00

(Town Accountant.)

Voted: That the following unexpended balances be transferred to the Revenue Account for the year 1939:

Fire Station Doors .....	\$1.05
Lindenwood Road Bridge .....	33.55
Beacon Street .....	462.37
Royal Street .....	66.58
Re-arrangement of Traffic Signals .....	10.00
Shingling Infirmary Barn .....	1.00
North School Toilets .....	575.00

and that the Town Accountant be and hereby is authorized to make such transfers on the books of the Town.

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to provide eyeglasses and spectacles for school children eighteen years of age or under who are in need thereof and whose parents or guardians are financially unable to furnish the same, money so appropriated to be expended under the direction of the Selectmen. (Board of Public Welfare.)

Voted: That the subject matter of this article be indefinitely postponed.

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate an additional sum of money for the purpose of constructing and originally equipping a Town Hall and authorize the Selectmen to petition the Federal Government for a grant of money under

the Public Works Administration Act of 1938 for said purpose, and to accept such grant, to use the Webber Fund left for the purpose. (Town Hall Committee.)

Voted: That for the purpose of constructing and originally equipping a Town Hall there be appropriated an additional sum of \$4,829.50 and that the vote passed at the Town Meeting held June 30, 1938 be amended by striking out the figures \$160,000.00 and inserting in place thereof the figures \$164,829.50 so that said vote will read: That for the purpose of constructing and originally equipping and furnishing a Town Hall in co-operation with the Federal Government under the Work Relief and Public Works Appropriation Act of 1938 there be raised and appropriated the sum of \$164,829.50 and to meet the appropriation the Webber Fund, so-called, be used and the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, be and hereby is authorized to borrow the sum of \$40,000.00 and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor under authority of and in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 50 of the Acts of 1938 and the Federal Act applicable thereto, said bonds or notes to be payable in not more than twenty years or at such term and maximum rate of interest as may be fixed by the Emergency Finance Board.

All money received from the Federal Government on account of this project shall be applied to meet the cost of said Town Hall or to the loan herein authorized, the amount to be borrowed to be reduced by the amount of the grant received and applied to the cost of the project.

The Selectmen are hereby authorized to petition the Federal Government for a grant of money under the Work Relief and Public Works Appropriation Act of 1938 for the above purpose and to accept such grant. Unanimous.

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate money received from the sale of lots and graves for the care, improvement or embellishment of Lindenwood Cemetery, or any part thereof, or do anything in relation thereto. (Trustees of Lindenwood Cemetery.)

Voted: That the Town do appropriate the sum of \$2,600 received from the sale of lots and graves to be expended for the care of Lindenwood Cemetery and applied to the appropriation for Lindenwood Cemetery as voted under Article 4.

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to erect a fence on the North and West sides of Lindenwood Cemetery, about 2,500 feet more or less, raise and appropriate money therefor by taxation or transfer from funds received from sale of lots and graves,

or do anything in relation thereto. (Trustees of Lindenwood Cemetery.)

Voted: That the Town do erect a fence on the north and west sides of Lindenwood Cemetery about 2,500 feet more or less, and that the sum of \$2,500 be appropriated for same, said sum to be transferred from the money received from the sale of lots and graves.

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to construct a garage, tool house, storehouse and office in Lindenwood Cemetery, raise and appropriate money therefor by taxation or transfer from funds received from sale of lots and graves, or do anything in relation thereto. (Trustees of Lindenwood Cemetery.)

Voted: That the Town do construct as a WPA project a garage, tool house, storehouse and office, in Lindenwood Cemetery, and that the sum of \$2,400 be appropriated for same, said sum to be transferred from the money received from the sale of lots and graves.

Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to clean and repair the brook through Lindenwood Cemetery, raise and appropriate money therefor, by taxation or transfer from funds received from sale of lots and graves, or do anything in relation thereto. (Trustees of Lindenwood Cemetery.)

Voted: That the subject matter of this article be indefinitely postponed.

Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate money for the payment of land damage claims arising out of the re-location of Green Street, or do anything in relation thereto. (Town Counsel.)

Voted: That the Selectmen be authorized to make payment of land damage claims arising out of the relocation of Green Street; any expense therefor to be taken from the appropriation for damage claims as provided under Article 4.

Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate money for the purpose of moving the traffic signals now at the junction of Elm Street and Central Street to the junction of Pond Street and Summer Street. (Police Department.)

Voted: That the Town do authorize the moving of the traffic signals now located at the junction of Elm Street and Central Street to the junction of Pond Street and Summer Street, any expense to be taken from the appropriation for highways as provided under Article 4.

Article 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the installation of a teletypewriter in

the Police Department or do anything in relation thereto. (Police Department.)

Voted: That the subject matter of this article be indefinitely postponed.

Article 23. To see if the Town will vote to purchase a cruising automobile for the Police Department, raise and appropriate money therefor, or do anything in relation thereto; and also authorize the disposal of one automobile now used by said department. (Police Department).

Voted: That the subject matter of this article be indefinitely postponed.

Article 24. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate money for the purchase of an ambulance for the Police Department or do anything in relation thereto. (Kiwanis Club.)

Voted: That the subject matter of this article be indefinitely postponed.

Article 25. To see if the Town will vote to purchase a sprayer and spray gun for moth work; raise and appropriate money therefor, or do anything in relation thereto. (Superintendent of Moth Work.)

Voted: That the subject matter of this article be indefinitely postponed.

Article 26. To see if the Town will vote to construct a sewer in and through Main Street from the existing sewer at Elm Street northerly, a distance of 1,050 feet more or less, together with connections with other sewers as the engineering necessity may require; raise and appropriate money therefor by the sale of notes, bonds or otherwise and instruct the Selectmen to obtain releases or easements from owners of property through which such sewer or sewers may be constructed authorizing the Town to enter upon and maintain such sewer or sewers over their respective lands. (Josephine E. Landry.)

Voted: That the Selectmen be authorized to proceed with the construction of a sewer in and through Main Street, from existing sewer at Elm Street, northerly a distance of 1,050 feet more or less, together with connections with other sewers as the engineering necessity may require; and that the Selectmen be instructed to obtain such releases or easements allowing the Town to enter upon such private lands as may be necessary for the purpose of construction and maintenance of said sewer or sewers as called for under this article, said sewer construction to be done as a WPA project, any expense to be taken from the appropriation for WPA expenses as voted under Article 11.



Article 27. To see if the Town will vote to resurface Spring Street, between East Street and the Stoneham-Wakefield line, or any part thereof, raise and appropriate money therefor by the sale of notes, bonds or otherwise, or do anything in relation thereto. (Mary Scurto.)

Voted: That the Town do resurface Spring Street between East Street and the Stoneham-Wakefield line, and that the sum of \$4,000 be raised and appropriated therefor, provided the Selectmen first obtain releases from all abutters who may be affected by land damages; said sum to be used in conjunction with sums allotted by the Division of Highways or the County Commissioners or both.

Article 28. Article 28. To see if the Town will vote to resurface Central Street, between Central Square and Common Street, raise and appropriate money therefor by the sale of notes, bonds or otherwise, or do anything in relation thereto. (Superintendent of Public Works.)

Voted: That the Town do resurface Central Street between Central Square and Common Street, and that the sum of \$4,000 be raised and appropriated therefor; said sum to be used in conjunction with sums allotted by the Division of Highways or the County Commissioners or both.

Article 29. To see if the Town will vote to resurface Elm Street between Main Street and William Street, raise and appropriate money therefor by the sale of notes, bonds or otherwise, or do anything in relation thereto. (Superintendent of Public Works.)

Voted: That the subject matter of this article be indefinitely postponed.

Article 30. To see if the Town will vote to resurface William Street between Main Street and West Street, raise and appropriate money therefor by the sale of notes, bonds or otherwise, or do anything in relation thereto. (Superintendent of Public Works.)

Voted: That the subject matter of this article be indefinitely postponed.

Article 31. To see if the Town will vote to purchase a coupe for the use of the Superintendent of Public Works, raise and appropriate money therefor, or do anything in relation thereto. (Superintendent of Public Works.)

Voted: That the subject matter of this article be indefinitely postponed.

Article 32. To see if the Town will vote to purchase as an addition to the Public Works yard, land adjacent to said yard,

owned by Joseph Butler, having an area of 56,986 square feet more or less; raise and appropriate money therefor by the sale of notes, bonds or otherwise, or do anything in relation thereto. (Superintendent of Public Works.)

Voted: That for the purpose of determining the necessity of additional land for the Public Works Department a committee be appointed who shall make a survey and investigation, and report with its recommendations at the next annual Town Meeting, said committee to consist of Martin L. Hines, Robert A. Newcomb, James A. Munro, William G. Bugbee and Lawrence W. Scammon.

Article 33. To see if the Town will vote to demolish the present office building and barn (so-called) in the Public Works yard and erect in the place thereof such building or buildings as may be deemed necessary to house the Public Works Department, Park Department and Forestry Department, raise and appropriate money therefor by the sale of notes, bonds or otherwise and authorize the Selectmen to petition for Federal assistance in financing the same, or do anything in relation thereto. (Superintendent of Public Works.)

Voted: That for the purpose of determining the necessity of demolishing the buildings and the construction of new buildings as called for under this article, the committee appointed under Article 32 of this warrant be appointed to make a survey of the future requirements of the departments concerned in this article, and that said committee report with its recommendations at the next annual Town Meeting.

Article 34. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate money for the maintenance of highways which have been constructed with State and County aid under Provisions of Chapter 90, General Laws, or do anything in relation thereto. (Superintendent of Public Works.)

Voted: That the Town do appropriate the sum of \$1,500 for the maintenance of highways which have been constructed with State and County aid under the provisions of Chapter 90, General Laws, said sum having been raised under Article 4 of this warrant.

Article 35. To see if the Town will vote to purchase a power mower for the Park Department, raise and appropriate money therefore, or do anything in relation thereto. (Park Department.)

Voted: That the subject matter of this article be indefinitely postponed.

Article 36. To see if the Town will vote to purchase a one

and one-half ton truck for the Park Department, raise and appropriate money therefor, or do anything in relation thereto. (Park Department.)

Voted: That the subject matter of this article be indefinitely postponed.

Article 37. To see if the Town will vote to construct and equip an athletic field and recreation center on the Gould Meadow site; raise and appropriate money by the sale of notes, bonds or otherwise or do anything in relation thereto. Said construction and equipment to include the following:

- (a) Enclosing fence with entrances and ticket booths.
- (b) Finished grading, landscaping and drainage.
- (c) Baseball and football field.
- (d) Combination field house and bath house.
- (e) Combination wading pool and skating rink.
- (f) Swimming pool.
- (g) Grandstand.

(Park Department.)

Voted: That the subject matter of this article be indefinitely postponed.

Article 38. To see if the Town will vote to construct and equip an athletic field and recreation center on the Gould Meadow site; and authorize the Selectmen to petition the Federal Government for aid in this project; raise and appropriate money by the sale of notes, bonds or otherwise or do anything in relation thereto. Said construction and equipment to include the following:

- (a) Enclosing fence with entrances and ticket booths.
- (b) Finished grading, landscaping and drainage.
- (c) Baseball and football field.
- (d) Combination field house and bath house.
- (e) Combination wading pool and skating rink.
- (f) Swimming pool.
- (g) Grandstand.

(Park Department.)

A motion for indefinite postponement of the subject matter of this article was defeated.

Mr. Apalakis, Chairman of the Board of Park Commissioners, offered the following motion: That the Town do construct and equip an athletic field and Recreation Center on the Gould Meadow site and authorize the Selectmen to petition the Federal Government for aid therefor as a WPA project, to include enclosing fence with entrances and ticket booths; finished grading, land-

scaping and drainage; baseball and football fields; and that the sum of \$7,000 be raised and appropriated therefor.

This motion was defeated.

Article 39. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money from the Highway Fund, provided by Chapter 2 of the Acts of 1939 for any of the purposes authorized by said chapter.

Voted: That the sum of \$10,681.12 be transferred from the Highway Fund to the appropriation for highway maintenance in accordance with a vote passed under Article 4, and that the Town Accountant be and hereby is authorized to make such transfer on the books of the Town.

Article 40. To see if the Town will vote to appoint a committee to investigate the matter of selling that part of the Pomeworth Street Playground (so-called) lying between Calthia Street, Washington Street, Pomeworth Street and Capen Street, or do anything in relation thereto. (Park Department.)

Voted: That the subject matter of this article be indefinitely postponed.

Article 41. To see if the Town will vote to accept Section 103A, Chapter 54, General Laws, providing for absent voting at Town elections. (Town Clerk.)

Voted: That the Town do accept Section 103A, Chapter 54, General Laws providing for absent voting at Town elections.

Article 42. To see if the Town will vote to accept Chapter 312 of the Acts of 1938 entitled "An Act Relative to the Removal of the Superintendent of Public Works in the Town of Stoneham." (Selectmen.)

Voted: That the subject matter of this article be indefinitely postponed.

Article 43. (a) To see if the Town will vote to repeal the vote passed under Article 71 of the warrant for the annual town meeting in the year 1930 designating as a through way Main Street from the northerly side of South Street to the Stoneham-Reading town line.

(b) To see if the Town will vote to designate as a through way, Main Street from the southerly side of Marble Street to the northerly side of Elm Street. (Selectmen.)

Voted: (a) That the vote passed under Article 71 of the warrant for the annual town meeting in the year 1930 designating Main Street as a through way from the northerly side of South Street to the Stoneham-Reading line be and hereby is repealed.

Voted: (b) That the Town designate as a through way



Main Street from the southerly side of Marble Street to the northerly side of Elm Street.

Article 44. To see if the Town will approve and accept the plan, as shown on a drawing entitled "Proposed Development Civic Center Prepared by Stoneham Planning Board, August 1, 1938;" as the guide to future development of the center of the Town of Stoneham. (Planning Board.)

Voted: That the Town do approve and accept the plan, as shown on a drawing entitled "Proposed Development Civic Center Prepared by Stoneham Planning Board, August 1, 1938;" as the guide to future development of the center of the Town of Stoneham.

Article 45. To see if the Town will vote to accept Sections 27A, 30A and 30B of Chapter 40, General Laws tending to prevent multiplicity of proposals for the same change in Zoning Ordinances or By-Laws or in their application. (Selectmen.)

Mr. Chase, Chairman of the Planning Board, offered a motion that the Town accept Sections 27A, 30A and 30B of Chapter 40, General Laws tending to prevent multiplicity of proposals for the same change in Zoning Ordinances or By-Laws or in their application.

This motion was defeated.

Article 46. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning By-Law by enlarging the present limits of the General Business District as heretofore defined and set forth so as to include in the General Business District the following bounded area: Beginning at a point on the Southerly line of the property owned by Robert A. Trueman and Yolanda L. Trueman adjoining land formerly owned by McNelly, 100 feet West of the Westerly line of Main Street the present limit of said General Business District, and running Westerly 48.3 feet to land formerly of Lynde and thence Northerly by said land formerly of Lynde 229.1 feet to land of Davis, thence Easterly by the Northerly line of said Trueman property 116.5 feet to a point on said line 100 feet West of the Westerly line of Main Street, said point being the present limit of said General Business District, thence Southerly by the Western limit of said General Business District 221 feet to point of beginning. (Robert A. and Yolanda L. Trueman.)

Voted: That the Zoning By-Law of the Town of Stoneham be amended by enlarging the present limits of the General Business District as heretofore defined and set forth so as to include in the General Business District the following bounded area: Beginning at a point on the Southerly line of the property owned by Robert A. Trueman and Yolanda L. Trueman adjoining land

formerly owned by McNelly, 100 feet West of the Westerly line of Main Street the present limit of said General Business District, and running Westerly 48.3 feet to land formerly of Lynde and thence Northerly by said land formerly of Lynde 229.1 feet to land of Davis, thence Easterly by the Northerly line of said Truman property 116.5 feet to a point on said line 100 feet West of the Westerly line of Main Street, said point being the present limit of said General Business District, thence Southerly by the Western limit of said General Business District 221 feet to point of beginning. Unanimous.

Article 47. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning By-Law by enlarging the present limits of the Retail Business District as heretofore defined and set forth so as to include in the Retail Business District the following bounded area: Beginning at a stake on the northerly side of Wyoming Avenue at a line between land now or formerly of Michael Welch, and land of Elizabeth G. Hislop, thence running northerly  $31^{\circ} 15'$  East by and along the land of said Welch 182 feet; thence running Easterly by and along land now or formerly of White, 132 feet; thence running Southerly  $31^{\circ} 15'$  West by and along land now or formerly of Knott, 278 feet; thence by and along the Northerly side line of Wyoming Avenue, 87 feet to the point of beginning. (Elizabeth G. Hislop.)

Voted: That the subject matter of this article be indefinitely postponed.

Article 48. To see if the Town will vote to amend sub-section 9A, Section 2, Article I of the Zoning By-Law by striking out said sub-section and inserting in the place thereof the following: Riding school for business or recreational enterprises shall be permissible on farm property but only so with the consent of the majority of people within a distance of one fourth of a mile, who are residents and citizens of the Town of Stoneham; said majority to be at least seventy-five per cent ratio. If a petitioner seeks a permit for said riding school through the Building Inspector the permit shall be granted on proof and satisfaction that seventy-five per cent of the residents have affixed their signatures, signifying their approval to the said riding school in their locality. (Eugene B. Rotundi.)

Voted: That the subject matter of this article be indefinitely postponed.

Adjourned at 10:30 P. M.

## Committees Appointed at Town Meeting, March 13, 1939

### Memorial Day

G. A. R.	Arthur N. Newhall	American Legion
George E. Kenson	George B. Williams	Clarence E. Lent
Joseph A. Moulton	John P. Lawson	Dr. William S. Coy
U. S. W. V.	Harry S. Ford	T. Arthur Ireland
William D. Desmond	William Doucette	Orvis H. Saxby
		Ernest N. Thibodeau
		James J. McHale

### Tax Titles

Town Counsel	Arthur N. Newhall	Almond H. Smith
	Walter E. Leavitt	Luther Hill

### Christmas Lighting

Russell C. Chase	Ralph A. Jenkins	George R. Barnstead, Jr.
	William A. Garside	Catherine T. Driscoll

### WPA Administration and Projects

Board of Selectmen	James A. Munro	Thomas M. Hurley
	Clarence W. Houghton	James R. Breagy

### Addition to Public Works Yard and Buildings

Martin L. Hines	Robert A. Newcomb	James A. Munro
William G. Bugbee	Lawrence W. Scammon	

## TOWN MEETING, SEPTEMBER 18, 1939

Agreeable to a warrant signed by the Selectmen September 8, 1939, the inhabitants of the Town of Stoneham qualified to vote in elections and town affairs met in Armory Hall in said town on Monday, September 18, 1939.

The tellers appointed to serve on the check lists were as follows: Carrie E. Bancroft, Helen M. Barry, Marie M. Burns, William J. Monarch, Donald J. Morrison and William N. Rogers.

Check lists showed that 456 voters entered the hall.

The meeting was called to order at 8:10 o'clock P. M. by the Moderator and the warrant read.

Article 1. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate an additional sum of money for the purpose of constructing and originally equipping a Town Hall as a PWA project, and authorize the Selectmen to petition the Federal Government for an additional grant under the Public Works Administration Act of 1938 for said purpose, and to accept such grant, to use the Webber Fund left for the purpose, or take any action relative thereto.

(Town Hall Building Committee.)

The Chairman of the Finance and Advisory Board offered the following motion: That for the purpose of constructing and originally equipping and furnishing a Tow Hall, there be appropriated \$8,969.15 in addition to the \$164,829.50 voted at the annual meeting held March 13, 1939, to increase the amount that may be borrowed and the use of additional Federal Grants and the accumulation of the Webber Fund, so as to read as follows: Voted: That for the purpose of constructing and originally equipping and furnishing a Town Hall in cooperation with the Federal Government under the Work Relief and Public Works Administration Act of 1938, there be raised and appropriated the sum of \$173,798.65, and to meet the appropriation the Webber Fund, so-called, be used and the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, be and hereby is authorized to borrow the sum of \$45000.00 and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor under authority of and in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 50 of the Acts of 1938 and the Federal Act applicable thereto, said bonds or notes to be payable in not more than twenty years or at such term and maximum rate of interest as may be fixed by the Emergency Finance Board.

All money received from the Federal Government on account of this project shall be applied to meet the cost of said Town Hall or to the loan herein authorized.

The Selectmen are hereby authorized to petition the Federal Government for a grant of money under the Work Relief and Public Works Administration Act of 1938 for the above purpose and to accept such grant.

Mr. William D. Desmond moved to amend this motion by striking out the figures \$8,969.15 and inserting in place thereof \$11,469.15 and by striking out the figures of \$173,798.65 and inserting in place thereof \$176,298.65 and by striking out the figures \$45,000.00 and inserting in place thereof \$47,500.00. The question being taken on the larger amounts, it was voted: "That for the purpose of constructing and originally equipping and furnishing a Town Hall, there be appropriated \$11,469.15 in addition to the \$164,829.50 voted at the annual meeting held March 13, 1939, to increase the amount that may be borrowed and the use of additional Federal Grants and the accumulation of the Webber Fund, so as to read as follows: Voted: That for the purpose of constructing and originally equipping and furnishing a Town Hall in cooperation with the Federal Government under the Work Relief and Public Works Administration Act of 1938, there be raised and appropriated the sum of \$176,298.65, and to meet the appropriation the Webber Fund, so-called, be used and the Treasurer,



with the approval of the Selectmen, be and hereby is authorized to borrow the sum \$47,500.00 and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor under authority of and in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 50 of the acts of 1938 and the Federal Act applicable thereto, said bonds or notes to be payable in not more than twenty years or at such term and maximum rate of interest as may be fixed by the Emergency Finance Board.

All money received from the Federal Government on account of this project shall be applied to meet the cost of said Town Hall or to the loan herein authorized.

The Selectmen are hereby authorized to petition the Federal Government for a grant of money under the Work Relief and Public Works Administration Act of 1938 for the above purpose and to accept such grant. The amended motion was then carried. Yes—198. No—73.

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer or borrow under the Provisions of Chapter 49, Acts of 1933, as most recently amended by Chapter 288, Acts of 1939, money for the following purposes:

(a) WPA Projects

(b) Soldiers' Relief

(c) Street Signs and Beacons

(d) Removal of present traffic signals from the junction of Elm and Central Streets to the junction of Pond and Summer Streets

or take any action relative thereto. (Selectmen.)

(a) Voted: That the sum of \$9,000 be appropriated for the Town's share of expenses of WPA projects.

Voted: That to meet the foregoing appropriation there be transferred from the appropriation for the resurfacing of Spring Street as voted under Article 27 of the warrant for the annual Town meeting for the year 1939 the sum of \$4,000; and that there be also transferred the sum of \$1,500 from the appropriation made under Article 28 of the warrant for said annual Town meeting for the resurfacing of Central Street and that the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, be and hereby is authorized to borrow the sum of \$3,500 under authority of and in accordance with the Provisions of Chapter 49, Acts of 1933, as most recently amended by Chapter 288, Acts of 1939. Unanimous vote.

(b) Voted: That the sum of \$2,500 be appropriated for Soldiers' Relief and that to meet this appropriation there be transferred from the appropriatoin for the resurfacing of Central Street as voted under Article 28 of the warrant for the annual Town meeting for the year 1939, the sum of \$2,500.

(c and d) Voted: That the subject matter of the article, insofar as it relates to Street Signs and Beacons and Removal of Traffic Signals, be indefinitely postponed.

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to dispose of obsolete equipment in the general offices of the Town, or do anything in relation thereto. (Selectmen.)

Voted: That the Town do authorize the Selectmen to dispose of obsolete equipment in the general offices of the Town.

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to construct sewers in and through Windsor Road (so-called) and Hampton Road (so-called), raise and appropriate money therefor by transfer, borrowing or otherwise or do anything in relation thereto.

(William R. Snow.)

Voted: That the Town do construct sewers in and through Windsor Road and Hampton Road; the expense to be taken from the appropriation for sewer extensions made at the annual Town meeting for the year 1939.

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to lay water mains in and through Windsor Road (so-called) and Hampton Road (so-called), raise and appropriate money therefor by transfer, borrowing or otherwise or do anything in relation thereto.

(William R. Snow.)

Voted: That the Town do lay water mains in and through Windsor Road and Hampton Road; the expense to be taken from the proceeds of the water loan authorized in 1937.

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to reserve surplus water revenue for the water department and determine how any deficit in the water revenue shall be provided for, or do anything in relation thereto.

(Finance and Advisory Board.)

Voted: That if the aggregate amount received for water revenue including hydrant rentals, exceeds the aggregate amount appropriated including Metropolitan Water Assessments for the water department, such excess shall be set up on the books of the Town as "Available Water Surplus" and may be appropriated subsequently for water purposes. If the aggregate amount appropriated for the Water Department including Metropolitan Water Assessments exceeds the amount of water revenue as stated, the deficit shall be considered a charge due from the Water Department and the Selectmen shall take such action as is necessary to provide funds to reimburse the Town for the amount due.

If a deficit exists, any unexpended balance of water appropriations at the close of the year shall be applied toward the reduction of such deficit, so far as may be necessary, and when there

is no deficit such balances shall be credited to Available Water Surplus.

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to sell, rent, lease or otherwise dispose of the old North School and Armory Hall and appoint a committee to carry into effect any vote passed under this article or do anything in relation thereto. (Selectmen.)

Mr. Crosby for the Finance and Advisory Board offered the following motion: That a committee consisting of the Board of Selectmen, Robert A. Newcomb and Thomas E. McKenna be appointed with full power to sell, rent, lease or otherwise dispose of the old North School and Armory Hall; said committee to confer with the Planning Board before making disposition of either of these properties.

Mr. John E. Finnegan offered an amendment to the effect that action by a committee appointed under this article should not be taken prior to the next annual Town meeting. This amendment by unanimous consent was withdrawn.

On motion of Mr. John N. Kelly it was voted that the subject matter of this article be referred to the next annual Town meeting.

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote that it is the sentiment of the voters assembled to instruct the Superintendent of Public Works to reinstate Raymond L. Stone in his former position in the Public Works Department without loss of pay or to do anything in relation thereto. (Raymond L. Stone.)

Voted: That the subject matter of this article be indefinitely postponed.

Article 9. To see if the Town will grant a public hearing to Raymond L. Stone, discharged public works employee, and appoint a committee to conduct said public hearing, or do anything in relation thereto. (Raymond L. Stone.)

On motion of Mr. Edward P. Hughes it was voted: "That the said Raymond L. Stone be given a public hearing by a committee of five citizens to be appointed as hereinafter provided:

One member appointed by the Superintendent of Public Works.

One member appointed by Raymond L. Stone.

A third member appointed by mutual agreement of the two named.

The three members shall then meet and select by unanimous vote, two other citizens thus completing the membership of a committee of five.

None of the appointees shall be Town office-holders, either elective or appointive. The committee shall select a chairman by

majority vote and shall submit their findings to the citizens of the town at a subsequent Town meeting.

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to indemnify Raymond L. Stone for any losses sustained by reason of absence of work since his discharge from the Public Works Department or do anything in relation thereto. (Raymond L. Stone.)

Voted: That the subject matter of this article be indefinitely postponed.

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to release to Thomas J. Munn and Annie L. Munn certain rights acquired by the Town in an easement given by said Thomas J. Munn and Annie L. Munn dated January 20, 1938, and recorded in Middlesex Land Court South Registry District, Book 153, Page 325, and noted on Certificate of Title No. 22916. (Thomas J. Munn.)

On motion of Mr. John N. Kelly it was voted to release to Thomas J. Munn and Annie L. Munn certain rights acquired by the Town in an easement given by said Thomas J. Munn and Annie L. Munn dated January 20, 1938 and recorded in Middlesex Land Court South Registry District, Book 153, Page 325, and noted on Certificate of Title No. 22916.

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to accept the Provisions of Chapter 58 of the Acts of 1939 and grant to Mary McDonough and her heirs and assigns a right of way to pass and repass for all purposes over a parcel of land described in said Chapter; said parcel being owned and used by the town as a means of access to its playground situated near Pleasant Street. (James A. McDonald.)

On motion of Mr. James A. McDonald it was voted to accept the Provisions of Chapter 58 of the Acts of 1939 and grant to Mary McDonough and her heirs and assigns a right of way to pass and repass for all purposes over a parcel of land described in said Chapter; said parcel being owned and used by the town as a means of access to its playground situated near Pleasant Street. Unanimous.

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote that the terms laborers, workmen and mechanics as used in Sections 69 to 75, inclusive, Chapter 152, General Laws, Ter. Ed., shall include such other employees, except members of the police or fire department, regardless of the nature of their work, as may be employed on work to be done under contracts with the Commonwealth.

(State Department of Public Works.)

Voted: That the subject matter of this article be indefinitely postponed.



Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to change the name of Shumway Circle to Morrison Avenue.

(Wakefield Board of Selectmen.)

Voted to change the name of Shumway Circle to Morrison Avenue.

Adjourned at 9:55 P. M.

## **Amendment To Zoning By-Law**

### **Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

Middlesex, ss

March 17, 1939

I, Charles A. Owen, duly elected and qualified Town Clerk of the Town of Stoneham in the County of Middlesex hereby certify that the following is a true copy of Article 46 of the warrant for a town meeting of said Town duly called, warned and held on Monday, March 13, 1939 when said article was before said meeting.

Article 46. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning By-Law by enlarging the present limits of the General Business District as heretofore defined and set forth so as to include in the General Business District the following bounded area: Beginning at a point on the Southerly line of the property owned by Robert A. Trueman and Yolanda L. Trueman adjoining land formerly owned by McNelly, 100 feet West of the Westerly line of Main Street the present limit of said General Business District, and running Westerly 48.3 feet to land formerly of Lynde and thence Northerly by said land formerly of Lynde 229.1 feet to land of Davis, thence Easterly by the Northerly line of said Trueman property 116.5 feet to a point on said line 100 feet West of the Westerly line of Main Street, said point being the present limit of said General Business District, thence Southerly by the Western limit of said General Business District, 221 feet to point of beginning.

I further certify that acting under said Article 46 the following vote was passed:

Voted: That the Zoning By-Law of the Town of Stoneham be amended by enlarging the present limits of the General Business District as heretofore defined and set forth so as to include in the General Business District the following bounded area: Beginning at a point on the Southerly line of the property owned by Robert A. Trueman and Yolanda L. Trueman adjoining land formerly owned by McNelly, 100 feet West of the Westerly line of Main Street the present limit of said General Business District, and running Westerly 48.3 feet to land formerly of Lynde and thence Northerly by said land formerly of Lynde 229.1 feet to land of Davis, thence Easterly by the Northerly line

of said Trueman property 116.5 feet to a point on said line 100 feet West of the Westerly line of Main Street, said point being the present limit of said General Business District, thence South-erly by the Western limit of said General Business District 221 feet to point of beginning. Unanimous.

A true copy from the records.

CHARLES A. OWEN,  
Town Clerk of Stoneham

Subscribed and sworn to before me this seventeenth day of March, 1939.

HARRY A. WILLIAMS  
Notary Public

My commission expires  
September 30, 1943

Boston, Mass., April 5, 1939.

The foregoing amendment to zoning by-law is hereby ap-proved.

PAUL A. DEVER  
Attorney General

A true copy attest:  
CHARLES A. OWEN,  
Town Clerk

Office Fees

Dog Licenses:			
452 Males .....	at \$2.00	\$904.00	
74 Females .....	at 5.00	370.00	
175 Spayed Females .....	at 2.00	350.00	
			-----\$1,624.00
Sporting Licenses:			
80 Fishing .....	at \$2.00	\$160.00	
79 Hunting .....	at 2.00	158.00	
25 Sporting .....	at 3.25	81.25	
15 Minors .....	at 1.25	18.75	
1 Non-Residents			
(Fish 3 Days) .....	at 1.50	1.50	
1 Non-Residents			
Fishing .....	at 5.25	5.25	
1 Trapping .....	at 5.25	5.25	
2 Duplicates .....	at .50	1.00	
9 No Fee			
			-----\$ 431.00
130 Marriage Licenses .....		260.00	
Recording Fees:			
Mortgages .....		\$204.50	

Pole Locations .....	69.05	
Gasoline Registrations .....	20.50	
		—————\$ 294.05
Miscellaneous Fees .....		56.95
		—————\$2,666.00
Paid State, Sporting Licenses .....	\$ 380.50	
Paid Town:		
Dog Licenses .....	1,624.00	
Sporting License Fees .....	50.50	
Marriage License Fees .....	260.00	
Recording Fees .....	294.05	
Miscellaneous Fees .....	56.95	
		—————\$2,666.00

CHARLES A. OWEN, Town Clerk.

## REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC LIBRARY

To the Citizens of Stoneham:

The Public Library continues to contribute to the educational and cultural life of the community.

This is shown by the constantly increasing circulation of books, by the number of students and readers who frequent our reading rooms and by the numerous visitors who come to observe, to praise, and later, often to use the Library.

The Trustees are greatly pleased with this situation for it is their chief object to make the Library a center of service inspiration and education.

In view of these conditions, it has been unfortunate that this year our appropriation was reduced. However, working in co-operation with the Finance Committee and other Town Boards, in an endeavor to keep the tax rate as low as possible, the Trustees willingly accepted the appropriation allotted them and have endeavored to use it wisely. We have been unable to purchase as many books as were needed, but the Library property has been kept in excellent condition and the work has been carried on with dignity and efficiency. The exterior woodwork has been painted, hand rails have been placed at the north entrance, repairs have been made on the roof and in other places where needed. The installation of hand rails at the main entrance has met the approval of many patrons of the Library who have long felt the need of such help.

While we have not yet decided upon a suitable means of displaying the Stars and Stripes on National Holidays we expect to have this problem solved before next Memorial Day.

The abuse of the privilege of using books freely provided in a public library seems to be considered a prerogative by certain people. Money appropriated for the purchase of books is not merely to expand the Library. Much of it must replace worn books or those which have been stolen from the open shelves or which have been made practically useless through malicious mutilation. The type of material thus lost, in whole or in part, is usually on High School lists and is of the sort that is in constant demand and must be replaced. The lawlessness of our youth is a serious problem which confronts us today. The lamentable lack of courtesy shown by many boys of High School age who visit the Library in the evening is another phase of the same problem.

The work in our Children's Room is being carried on admirably. Efforts are constantly being made to keep both teachers and pupils library-minded. Not only do children go to the library but the library goes to the children. Collections of books



and pictures are sent every month to all of the grade schools and to several classes in the Parochial School.

National Book Week was celebrated enthusiastically in this department, as well as in the adult rooms. Beautiful posters, many of which were designed and executed by Walter L. Houston, added color and interest to the large exhibit of new books.

In these days of stream-lined trains and air-plane travel, short cuts to information in the form of monographs, pamphlets and booklets are continually in demand. Our Library is acquiring a fine collection of material of this kind which is now available to all students.

A beautiful painting of Spot Pond which adorns the west wall of the main reading room is the gift of Mr. Charles F. Buck. To the Garden Club we are indebted for the aluminum curtain in Library Hall and for other gifts mentioned in the Librarian's report.

We welcome the opportunity to display in the Library the work of our local artists and craftsmen. A beautiful mural "St. John and Angels" painted by Benjamin E. Lanza, a resident of Stoneham, was exhibited here and attracted much favorable attention.

The Trustees wish to express their appreciation of the fine work of the entire Library staff who have carried on in cordial co-operation with each other and with the Trustees.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES H. CHASE, Chairman

GEORGE A. PACKARD

HERBERT H. RICHARDSON

RUTH H. MERRIFIELD

GEORGE A. HINCHCLIFFE

ALICE V. PEYTON, Secretary

## Report of Librarian

To the Trustees of the Stoneham Public Library:

I present the eighty-first annual report of the Stoneham Public Library for the year ending December 31, 1939.

A report of circulation is always of interest to those who know the work of the Public Library. The year 1939 marks the largest circulation the Library has ever had, a total of 116,507 books, a gain of 7,231 over the previous year. Besides the increase in book circulation there has been a substantial increase in the circulation of pictures, periodicals and pamphlets. While statistics for circulation are always interesting they do not show the very large use of non-fiction books for reference. The

reference work constantly increases, both in the Children's Room and the adult part of the Library.

The Library wishes to give as much service as possible and with greater resources could do still more.

### **Inter-Library Loan**

The Library is grateful for the loan of books from neighboring public libraries and the State Division of Public Libraries, which has been most helpful in giving information and lending books of an educational nature as well as foreign language books. Through the year our Library has loaned some of its books to nearby libraries.

### **Gifts**

Gifts of magazines, newspapers and books have been received from individuals and associations. These gifts are always of assistance. Friends of the Library have given beautiful flowers, which have added to the pleasure of the persons visiting the Library as well as to the attendants. The Stoneham Garden Club has continued to display specimen flowers from early Spring to late Autumn. They have given a terrarium to the Children's Room and a Japanese garden to the adult part of the Library.

### **Exhibitions**

The Library is always glad to have the loan of interesting exhibits. Among the exhibits in the Adult Reading Room were articles from Ireland loaned by Miss Katherine Fox and a large collection of articles from Hawaii loaned by Mrs. Ada Marshall. Other exhibits showed the industries and histories of the British Empire and of Italy.

### **Book Week**

Through the week a collection of new books for adults was displayed in the Adult Reading Room. The books were allowed to circulate on Saturday and many reserves were taken for them. A mimeographed list of some of the recent books in the Library was prepared for distribution in "Book Week".

At Christmas religious pictures were displayed in the glass case in the Reading Room and wreaths, a Christmas poster and a miniature tree decorated the adult part of the Library.

### **Children's Room**

The attendance of boys and girls and also the circulation of books have increased very much during the year. Almost any day finds the room filled with young people reading the magazines and doing their school reference work.

Collections of books have been loaned to the grade schools, New England Sanitarium School and St. Patrick's School.

The Children's Librarian has visited the schools and spoken to the mothers and teachers at the School Councils.

During the year many exhibits were borrowed from the Children's Museum: Winter and Summer Birds, Cotton, Wool, Silk, Flax, Early America, Scandinavia, Japan, Italy, Great Britain, South America and Indians of North America.

A Hobby Exhibit consisting of dolls, postage stamps, shoes from foreign countries, minerals, twenty-one varieties of wood, toy dogs, Boy Scouts' pins, badges and emblems loaned by the children created a good deal of interest.

The Spring Festival of Books was observed by a display of sixty new books and spring flowers.

State certificates were awarded for reading books on the State Reading list. Two hundred three certificates were given for five books read and ten honor certificates for twenty books read.

"Book Week" was observed by a display of two hundred fifty new books, original drawings from seven new books. Dolls from foreign lands were loaned by the Children's Museum and the children brought in eighteen of their own dolls in foreign dress. A map of the world of children's books, original posters and many gay book jackets adorned the room.

Twelve classes from the Public Schools, New England Sanitarium School and St. Patrick's School with their teachers visited the Library.

At Christmas there was a manger scene and decorated tree.

#### Staff

Martha A. Jackson, Librarian; H. Elizabeth Symonds, Assistant Librarian; Bertha Houston in charge of Children's Room; Margaret Golding, Part Time Assistant, and Dorothea McKenzie, Junior Part Time Assistant.

### AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION FORM OF STATISTICS

For the Year Ending December 31, 1939

Name of Library .....	Stoneham Public Library
Town and State .....	Stoneham, Massachusetts
Name of Librarian .....	Martha A. Jackson
Date of Founding .....	1859
Population served (U. S. Census 1930) .....	10,060
Assessed Valuation .....	\$14,183,025

Terms of use: Free to residents of Stoneham, teachers in the public schools, and by special permission to persons employed in, or guests in the town.

Number of days Library was open during the year .....	301
Number of volumes at beginning of year .....	21,439
Number of volumes added by purchase .....	930
Number of volumes added by gift .....	60
Number of volumes added by binding .....	2
Circulation per capita .....	11.60
Number of new borrowers registered during year .....	545
Total number of borrowers registered .....	8,161

#### Circulation Statistics 1939

Adult Fiction .....	66,047
Adult Non-Fiction .....	16,432
Juvenile Fiction .....	26,515
Juvenile Non-Fiction .....	6,924
Foreign Books .....	134
Pictures .....	374
Clippings .....	80
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Total Circulation .....	116,507

Respectfully submitted,

MARTHA A. JACKSON, Librarian

#### Appropriations and Expenditures

##### Appropriations

Appropriations .....	\$8,000.00
Received from Funds .....	908.96
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	\$8,908.96

##### Expenditures

Salaries, Librarian and Assistants .....	\$4,267.67
Janitors .....	1,140.50
Books .....	1,266.35
Periodicals .....	194.85
Binding .....	388.24
Stationery, Printing, Etc. ....	161.01
Telephone .....	89.97
Repairs .....	440.26
Miscellaneous Building Expenses .....	210.56
Fuel .....	281.59
Lighting .....	402.44
Miscellaneous .....	64.85
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	\$8,908.29



## REPORT OF BOARD OF APPEAL

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen :

The Board of Appeal under the Zoning By-Law submits the following summary of its work during 1939:

### Organization of Membership

Regular Members: Albert W. Nelson, Chairman; John W. Dolan, Fred J. Mahn, Orvis H. Saxby, Theodore F. Moore.

Associate Members: Edward L. Strobel; Martin L. Hines.

### Appealed Cases From the Building Inspector

Total number filed .....	17
Public hearings advertised .....	17
Public hearings held .....	17
Appeals granted .....	16
Appeals refused .....	1

The Zoning By-Law is created to regulate the location, size and use of buildings and other structures, and uses of land in the Town of Stoneham, thereby promoting the health of the public, the safety and welfare of the inhabitants and the growth and prosperity of the town.

The Building Inspector is authorized to enforce the provisions of the Zoning By-Law.

Any person aggrieved by an order, act, or refusal of the Building Inspector, and any property owners aggrieved by the granting of a permit who have a personal interest therein, may appeal therefrom to the Board of Appeal

When a literal interpretation of the Zoning By-Law would result in manifest injustice, and in its judgment the public welfare will be substantially served or the appropriate use of neighborhood property will not be substantially injured, the Board of Appeal may vary district regulations in harmony with the general purpose and intent of the Zoning By-Law.

Each one of the cases in the above report after hearing has been given careful consideration and the Board realizes in granting appeals, many times it is adding assessed valuation to the property in question.

In several cases the decision has been held over for a future meeting to give the members of the Board of Appeal an opportunity to visit the site of the matter under consideration, that the Board may be able to make the best solution in its judg-

ment, that will carry out the spirit of the Zoning By-Law and will not be an undue hardship to the person making the appeal.

Respectfully submitted,

ALBERT W. NELSON, Chairman.

JOHN W. DOLAN

FRED J. MAHN

ORVIS H. SAXBY

THEODORE F. MOORE

## REPORT OF BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE

To the Citizens of the Town of Stoneham :

The Board of Public Welfare herewith submits its annual report for the year 1939

On March 16, 1939, the Board organized as follows: Fred A. Schneider, Chairman; Frank M. Simons, Secretary; Alton W. Estes, Clerk.

The following appointments were made on the same date: Daniel Cullinane, Agent, C. C. C. Selecting Agent, W. P. A. Certifying Agent; Paul Houghton, Department Clerk; William H. Rolfe, Superintendent of Infirmary; Gertrude Rolfe, Matron of Infirmary; Thomas P. Devlin, Town Physician.

Mr. Frederick P. Hanford was unanimously appointed member of the Bureau of Old Age Assistance on March 16, 1939.

The Bureau of Old Age Assistance organized as follows: Alton W. Estes, Chairman; Frederick P. Hanford, Secretary; Fred A. Schneider, Clerk.

The same policy as in previous years was followed. All applications and investigations were handled by the Agent. The Board held regular weekly meetings at which time all new applications were reviewed and current business transacted as well as providing an opportunity for individuals to present their particular case to the full Board if they so desired.

It was also voted that all recipients be re-registered, re-investigated, and that all of the recipients be requested to appear before the Board for further questioning as to the status of their case.

The Board was also successful in collecting a check for \$402.00 on aid given to recipient who in turn inherited some money.

The Board also found a recipient at our Infirmary at the time of death having excess insurance and were successful in collecting \$281.94.

We were also fortunate in having the State Department uphold us for refusing a permit for Home for Aged Persons when quite a protest had been made by surrounding neighbors. By not issuing this permit it saved at least \$1000 per month in the Town's appropriation.

Compensation Insurance is now on every employee in our Department.

The Superintendent of the Infirmary met at least once each month with the full Board and many visits were made to the Infirmary by the Board members either individually or collectively.

It is pleasing to report that conditions at the Infirmary are all that can be desired. An excellent job of housekeeping is done within the home and the farm buildings and grounds are in first class condition. Other details will be found in a separate report made by the Infirmary Superintendent.

Through the good work of our Infirmary Superintendent we are pleased to report we have approximately 475 cords of wood to be used in supplying heat for our recipients.

At the present time we have three paying patients averaging \$29.00 per week which the Town receives.

We have continued the same policy as last year with Superintendent of Public Works, Mr. Casey, to furnish all gas and oil as well as make any needed repairs to the Infirmary truck through his department, at cost.

The Mrs. Helen Stockwell Fund was again in use this year.

This Fund was administered by the Boston Safe Deposit & Trust Company, and was used for needy cases but not eligible for welfare the same as last year.

The amount this year was somewhat smaller than last. Detailed records of each case are of course maintained but not as public charges. Summary of cases are as follows:

#### Statement of Stockwell Fund

Amount of Fund .....	\$303.10
Less amount expended to date .....	303.10
Balance available .....	none

#### Summary of Cases

Cases	Cause	Hospital Days	Cost
5	Tonsilectomy	5	\$ 48.75
2	Surgical	21	151.10
2	Maternity	27	103.25
0	Medical	0	0

#### COMPARISON OF CASES AIDED 1938-1939

	1938		1939	
	Cases	Persons	Cases	Persons
January	138	487	114	420
February	139	475	118	423
March	137	489	113	396
April	121	429	82	282
May	119	407	82	290
June	105	386	70	247
July	108	394	72	253
August	106	381	74	264
September	98	347	87	317



October	85	305	78	274
November	93	327	75	239
December	98	370	90	346
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	1347	4797	1055	3751

On account of the numerous classifications and required method of bookkeeping of the various accounts it is somewhat difficult to present a readily understandable summary of the over-all costs of General Relief, Aid to Dependent Children, Old Age Assistance, Administration, etc. However, one point generally overlooked is, that while a considerable amount of money is authorized for expenditure, it is difficult to locate amounts which the Town received from various sources and which should be taken into account so that one can learn what the net cost is. Without adhering to required bookkeeping classifications the following presentation is made in the interests of simplicity.

#### SUMMARY OF COST

	Expenditures	Collections & Refunds	Net Cost
Welfare, Incl. Infirmary .....	\$ 45,113.85	\$19,170.21	\$25,943.61
Aid Dependent Children .....	11,036.94	2,584.50	8,452.44
Old Age Assistance .....	60,727.87	49,139.65	11,588.22
Administration .....	5,578.12	1,250.95	4,327.17
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Total .....	\$122,456.78	\$72,145.34	\$50,311.44

It will be noted from the above that reimbursements in one form or another during 1939 amounted to over 50% of the expenditures. This condition of course could not prevail unless diligent attention was paid to the settlement status of each case, faithful processing of office records and complete co-operation with Federal, State and other City and Town Officials.

It is not an accident, it did not just happen. It is due to the efficient work of Messrs. Cullinane, O'Loughlin, Houghton and Mr. and Mrs Rolfe. The citizens should realize the efforts that are expended in their behalf by these people.

The following table shows an analysis of the case load as of January, July and December 1939.

#### ANALYSIS OF CASE LOAD AS OF JANUARY, JULY AND DECEMBER, 1939

	Jan. 1	July 1	Dec. 1
Children Boarded .....	4	5	5
Supplementary to Earnings ..	38	19	15
Unemployed (Ablebody) .....	13	13	32

Aged and Infirm .....	16	12	11
Deserted Families .....	0	0	1
Medical Cases .....	3	0	0
State Hospital .....	2	2	1
Unemployables .....	10	9	13

The following is an analysis of Aid to Dependent Children

#### ANALYSIS OF AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN

	Cases	Children
Cases on Hand, January 1, 1939 .....	16	39
Cases added during year .....	3	9
Total .....	19	48
Less cases closed .....	4	6
Less children reaching 16 years .....	0	0
Net Cases December 31st .....	15	42

The assistance and co-operation of officials and staff of the New England Sanitarium, Red Cross, Visiting Nurse, other associations, all Town Boards, officials and employees who have made it possible for us to carry on is appreciated.

The number of cases now on Welfare, Aid to Dependent Children and Old Age Assistance, together with the multiplicity of reports required by Federal and State Officials, as well as the requirements of making investigation for C. C. C., W. P. A., etc. have grown to such an extent that it will be absolutely necessary to increase the present force by at least one person during the coming year if present standards are to be maintained. Arrangements to make this financially possible will be discussed with the Finance and Advisory Board members at its next meeting.

In conclusion may we say again that the Board will welcome visits from individual interested citizens or groups of citizens who feel they would like additional information or that they have any suggestions which would assist in doing a more efficient job in handling the relief situation.

FRED A. SCHNEIDER, Chairman  
FRANK M. SIMONS, Secretary  
ALTON W. ESTES, Clerk

## REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF INFIRMARY

Board of Public Welfare :

Gentlemen :

I hereby submit my report for the year ending Dec. 31, 1939.

Number of patients cared for to Dec. 31, 1939 .....	31
Largest number at one time .....	26
Number discharged to care for self .....	6
Number of deaths .....	4
Total number of patient days .....	7355
Total number of meals to recipients of aid .....	956
Total number of meals to employees .....	1095
Total number of meals to patients .....	23560

We raised enough fruit and vegetables to supply our own requirements and in addition distributed the following quantities to Welfare Recipients: 32 bu. Spinach; 51 bu. Beets, 99 bu. String Beans; 503 doz. Sweet Corn; 123 bu. Tomatoes; 21 bu. Carrots; 15 bu. 3 pks. Peppers; 40 qts. Strawberries; 457 heads Lettuce; 1514 Cucumbers; 900 lbs. Squash.

One hundred and ninety-two cord of wood sawed into stove lengths was delivered to Welfare recipients upon orders from your office; sixty-six cords of this wood was from the hurricane that hit Stoneham in 1938; one hundred and twenty-six cords were from an allotment of wood given to the Town from the Metropolitan Park. We have hauled 475 cords of wood from the Fells Reservation with our own truck and team and we have on hand at the present time, stored at the Infirmary, 349 cords including 50 cords of stove wood on hand ready for delivery.

Planting and harvesting and wood hauling was done with the assistance of the patients and welfare recipients as well as the following improvements:

The horse stalls were rebuilt, and a new cement floor in horse stable and minor repairs.

New floors of asphalt tile were laid in four bedrooms.

Two corridors and one bathroom, this type of flooring being much more sanitary.

The three cows held up in milk production to meet our requirements: three calves were born; one was slaughtered and consumed at the Infirmary as well as two hogs. The cows were again tested for bovine tuberculosis and were certified.

A new pair of horses were purchased and the old one traded in, which has made quite a saving on horse hire and has enabled me to do my farm work satisfactorily and to a much greater advantage. During the winter storms they are used by the highway department on snow removal at no expense to that department.

Christmas was made more pleasant and cheerful for the patients by gifts, visitations and entertainment from the many organizations and individuals of the Town.

In behalf of the patients, I wish to thank the individuals and organizations who have helped to make the patients under my care happy through their generous donations and entertainments. I, personally wish to thank your Board for its co-operation and interest which they have taken in this Home.

Respectfully yours,

WILLIAM H. ROLFE, Superintendent



## REPORT OF BUREAU OF OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

To the Citizens of the Town of Stoneham :

Following please find the ninth annual report of the Bureau of Old Age Assistance.

In March the Bureau was organized as follows: Alton W. Estes, Chairman; Frederick P. Hanford, Secretary; Fred A. Schneider, Clerk.

The following appointment was made: Robert O'Loughlin, Supervisor.

Applications, as in previous years, were handled in the same manner being made at the office whenever possible, or if the applicant was physically unable to make a personal visit, the Supervisor called at the home.

Meetings are held twice each month at which time new applications are considered and disposition made together with other matters which are reviewed by the Bureau. Revisits are made on all active cases during the year by the Supervisor, reported to the Bureau, and record made as to the conditions and recommendations.

Applications continue to be received in large numbers and all require an immense amount of detail prior to submission to the Bureau for proper decision. Any case that is rejected locally has the right to appeal to the State Board for further consideration. Case is then reviewed by the Board of Appeal who in turn render a final decision. Under the Old Age Assistance Law the decision rendered by the aforesaid Board is binding upon the City or Town. However, in very few cases has this Board failed to sustain the local action.

Federal and State officials have audited the accounts and have made many favorable comments on the manner in which the business is transacted and the condition of the records. This reflects much credit on Mr. O'Loughlin who handles the work. Recently, owing to the re-organization of the State Department, new and more detailed forms have been instituted, all of which tend to increase the amount of work in the Department. This item, together with the case load and administrative work, has reached the point where it is beyond the ability of one single individual to do all that is required. A report and recommendation has been included in the report of the Board of Public Welfare to relieve this condition.

The following analysis of case load, expenditures and receipts is of interest:

Cases receiving assistance Jan. 1, 1939 ..... 177

Cases pending from 1938 .....	11	188
Applications received during the year .....		63
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Total Cases .....		251
Less: Cases rejected during the year .....		38
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		213

#### Cases Closed During The Year

Deaths .....	20	
Transfers .....	12	
Other reasons .....	5	37
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Net Cases December 31, 1939 .....		176
Receiving Aid .....		171
Cases Pending .....		5

#### COST TO TOWN

##### Relief

Total Relief Expenditures .....	\$61,054.12	
Credit: Refunds .....	326.25	
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		\$60,727.87
Less:		
Balance Federal Funds January 1, 1939 .....	3.87	
Received Federal Funds 1939 .....	27,514.98	
Received from State .....	20,979.93	
Received from Cities and Towns .....	640.87	49,139.65
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Net Cost to Town for Relief .....		\$11,588.22

##### Administration

Salaries (Agent) .....	\$ 1,500.00	
Salaries (Clerk) Two Weeks .....	30.00	
Office Expense .....	480.12	
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		\$2,010.12
Less:		
Federal Balance January 1, 1939 .....	64.94	
Federal Funds Received 1939 .....	917.11	
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	982.05	1,028.07
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Total Net Cost to the Town .....		\$12,616.29

The members of the Bureau wish to thank all those who have so whole heartedly co-operated with us during the past year and

will welcome suggestions that anyone may feel will assist in handling the work in an improved manner.

ALTON W. ESTES, Chairman  
FRED A. SCHNEIDER, Clerk  
FREDERICK P. HANFORD, Secretary

# REPORT OF BOARD OF ASSESSORS

## Valuation

Buildings .....	\$9,966,650.00
Land .....	3,386,500.00
Total .....	<u>\$13,356,150.00</u>
Personal Property .....	829,875.00
Total Real and Personal .....	<u>14,183,025.00</u>

## Debits

Town Grant .....	\$618,869.01
County Tax .....	19,628.89
State Tax .....	61,560.00
Charles River Fund, Etc. ....	1,646.83
Metropolitan Parks Loan Sinking Fund .....	6,733.57
Metropolitan Planning Division .....	98.01
Met. Parks Loan & Sinking Fund Series 2 .....	674.65
Met. Parks Loan & Sinking Fund	
Nantasket Maintenance .....	437.65
Wellington Bridge Maintenance .....	13.34
Met. Sewer Loan & Sinking Fund Etc.	
North System .....	11,320.23
Met. Water Loan & Sinking Fund .....	26,790.09
Abatement Smoke Nuisance .....	161.44
Auditing Municipal Accounts .....	2,857.16
Hospital or Home Care for Civil	
War Veterans .....	67.50
Wellington Bridge Special .....	712.89
West Roxbury-Brookline Parkway .....	.11
Deficit in 1934 Overlay .....	40.50
Overlays .....	<u>12,624.03</u>
	764,235.90

## Credits

Poll Taxes .....	7,088.00
State Estimated Receipts .....	42,417.46
Town Estimated Receipts .....	148,344.00
From E. and D. Account .....	10,000.00
" Unexpended Balance .....	1,149.55
" Sale of Lots and Graves .....	7,500.00
" Highway Fund Ch. 2 Acts of 1939 .....	10,681.12
" Gasoline Tax .....	22,368.26
" Available Fund 1938 .....	7,500.00
" Overlay Reserve .....	<u>2,271.82</u>
	259,320.21
Amount to Raise .....	504,915.69
Valuation .....	14,183,025.00



Tax Rate ..... 35.60

**Betterment Assessments**

Sewer .....	\$ 2,936.96	
Sidewalk .....	95.69	
Moth .....	1,039.40	
Street .....	1,474.60	5,546.65
Water Liens .....	1,988.36	5,546.65
		7,535.01

**Total Amount of All Taxes**

Iisted in the Collectors Commitments .....	\$519,538.70
Population .....	11,000
Value Per Capita .....	\$1,289
Number of Horses .....	47
Number of Cows .....	217
Number of Swine .....	330
Number of Dwelling Houses .....	2388
Number of Acres of Land .....	2462
Number of Fowl .....	3925
Number of All Others .....	229

**Automobiles**

Number of Cars Registered .....	3,307
Total Value of Cars .....	\$736,250.00
Taxes .....	21,665.21
Abatements Granted .....	1,495.33

LAWRENCE E. DOUCETT  
ARTHUR D. KENNEY  
HARRY S. FORD

Assessors  
HARRY A. WILLIAMS, Clerk.

## REPORT OF PARK COMMISSIONERS

The following is the report of the Park Commission for the year 1939.

With each passing year the Commission recognizes the ever-increasing public demand for adequate park and playground facilities. This demand has been in no small way due to the progressive building program not only on the part of the Town but also that of real estate residence expansion. Such factors have awakened in the public interest a justifiable pride in the community.

The general urge for recreation on a year round basis is indicated by the New England trend toward winter sports and thus the Park Commission can no longer concern itself with a program which does not include the winter months.

Needless to say the awakened public interest extends to the Town's appearance and such organizations as the Garden Club are becoming more active than ever before.

Because of the forward sighted School Building Committees, the Planning Board, the Community Service Organizations and the School Department, the Town areas now under the supervision of the Park Commission take in more than 900,000 square feet of land as compared with 165,000 square feet of land five years ago.

The burden of supervision has been greatly lessened by the aid of the Federal Government through its WPA Recreation Project, under the able direction of Stanley D. Wood. The burden of maintenance, however, falls on the Commission's able Superintendent Percival Wardwell, who is to be commended for his endeavors considering a budget which included an amount for labor of only \$1700.

The highlights of the past year were the formal dedication of the skating rink on January 18, which attracted over 1800 citizens; the further development of the Gould Meadow, officially named Recreation Park, and the attendance at the recreational facilities of 100,000.

### Recreation Park

This is slowly but surely being developed. During the year the skating rink was completed and dedicated and has proven to be a mecca for the skating public as well as the lover of hockey. The playing area is shaping up well and will soon be able to be used, but before this can be accomplished we feel that to protect this area a fence should be erected around the whole plot and a few more dollars appropriated to finish this surface. We would like to say in regards to appropriations that outside the original purchase cost there has not been up to the time of writing an

appropriation of money in the form of articles in our town warrants. We would like at this time to publicly thank the Class of 1939, Stoneham High School, for its gift of a flag pole and the Post 115 American Legion Auxiliary for its gift of a flag, in memory of the late Earl Sylvester, past commander of the local American Legion Post.

Through the aid of the WPA, the following work was accomplished; a 300 ft. blind drain with catch basin was installed, a retaining wall approximately 280 feet long was completed, the proposed football field and most of the cutfield was finished, graded and seeded.

The High School Athletic Association assisted in the work of improving the skating rink by providing labor and machinery.

The following is a report of recreation which was made possible by the WPA Recreation Project sponsored by the Park Commission:

#### Arts and Crafts Unit

The interest of a large group of boys, the majority of them under sixteen years of age, was captivated by the Arts and Crafts Classes throughout the year, with the exception of July and August, when they were suspended to make way for outdoor activities. Under the direction of two supervisors, the boys were taught the fundamentals of design and the proper use of such tools as carving knives, pyrographic instruments, wood-working tools, blow torches and the mallets used in beating articles from metal. They produced a variety of articles from wood, copper, amberol and brass.

#### Adult Arts and Crafts

Semi-weekly metalcraft classes were held during the winter months for the benefit of adults interested in this type of craft and the attendance at these classes, as in the past, was most gratifying. The members of the class were taught to make such articles as bowls, trays, teapots, candle sticks and sconces, many of them of original design, from copper, silver, brass and pewter. The various articles were painstakingly beaten from sheet metal and when completed were much prized by the makers. In addition, many beautiful pieces of costume jewelry were produced.

#### Sewing and Knitting Unit

Similar in operation to the boys' Arts and Crafts Classes, the Sewing and Knitting Classes have taught the younger girls of the town the art of making many useful and ornamental articles during their leisure time. Under the direction of WPA experts in this type of work they have made a wide variety of articles, many of which proved welcome additions to the homes of the makers. The finished articles included laundry bags, bed quilts, dresses, aprons, luncheon sets, mittens and many others.

## Playgrounds

### Pomeworth Street

The Pomeworth Street Payground was devoted chiefly to league softball games and other adult activities, although during the mornings and early afternoons it was given over to the youngsters, who enjoyed various games and sports in connection with the WPA - Rotary Day Camp.

### Park Avenue

Enjoying the advantage of many shade trees, as well as a field suitable for the playing of more active games, the Park Avenue Playground was a popular recreational spot during the summer. Among the facilities offered by this playground were swings, slides, teeter-boards, sand boxes, horseshoe pits and a baseball diamond, as well as many games of the patent variety.

### South School

Opened for its second season on the grounds of the new South School Building, the South School Playground again was the chief recreational spot for the youngsters in that section of the town. Under supervision a regular program of sports and games was carried out.

### East School

The East School Playground, opened for the first time in June, immediately proved popular with the children living in the east part of the town. Like the Park Avenue Playground, it enjoys the advantage of many shade trees and is equipped with the standard playground equipment.

### Softball

The Adult Softball League was conducted for the second season under WPA supervision. Participation figures in this activity were even higher than in the previous year, fourteen teams being entered in the league. Each of these teams had a membership of at least a dozen players, while many of them had as many as eighteen players during the course of the season. The WPA Recreation Project furnished officials for the league games except for a short period when project conditions made this impossible.

A women's softball league was also inaugurated and several inter-league as well as outside games were played.

### Recreation Room

Open both to children and adults, the Recreation Room was one of the outstanding features of the year round program. Equipped with a large number of games suitable for indoor playing, including the popular table tennis, and open in the evenings, both children and adults have found it an ideal place to spend their leisure time. For those not attracted by the games, there was a radio and a supply of reading matter, the latter having



been donated to the room.

During the current season, the Recreation Room was moved to quarters at 8-10 Central Street, thus remaining located in the center of the town.

#### Supervised Skating

When weather conditions were favorable, supervision was furnished for skating, at Kimball's Pond during the early part of the year and later at the newly constructed skating rink at Recreation Park. As a part of the program, hockey instruction has been given the youngsters and games arranged for them.

#### Tennis Courts

One of the facilities of the summer program most in demand was the tennis courts at Pomeworth Street, it being necessary for practically all reservations to be made in advance. At all hours when the courts were open supervisors gave instruction in the fundamentals of the game and maintained order thus ensuring fair use of the facilities.

#### W. P. A. - Rotary Camp

One of the most outstanding accomplishments of the summer season was the conducting of a day camp in cooperation with the Stoneham Rotary Club. Held this year for the second time, the participants were fifty-five boys, selected from among the less fortunate families of the town with the aid of the Board of Public Welfare. These boys, the majority of them undernourished, were given the benefits of balanced meals planned by a dietitian, as well as a planned program of recreation and routine exercises.

The camp was held for four weeks during the month of July. Plans had been made for the running of the camp for a second four weeks, but this second session was found to be impossible because of the uncertainty of WPA workers being available.

Following is an itemized record of the age groups attending the various recreation units during the year.

Unit	Males		Females		Total
	Un. 16	Ov. 16	Un. 16	Ov. 16	
Supervised Skating .....	1723	1027	527	192	3469
Arts and Crafts .....	4692	2093		837	7622
Sewing and Knitting .....			5316	1675	6991
Fun Band .....	220	63			283
Recreation Room .....	6368	6904	4366	3447	21085
Softball .....		2325		750	3075
Tennis Courts .....	4080	7604	1962	3784	17430
Playgrounds:					
South School .....	5552	1766	5492	1416	14226
East School .....	3959	1614	3159	1419	10151
Park Avenue .....	3535	1207	2166	1036	7944

Rotary Day Camp .....	891	891
Baseball Visits .....	130	130
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While every effort was made in 1939 to keep the program of activities up to the standard set in previous years, this was found difficult in some instances because of changes in WPA regulations, chief among these being the ruling that all WPA workers must be removed from WPA rolls for a period of at least thirty days following eighteen months' continuous employment. Since the Stoneham Recreation Project was one of the first projects to be affected by this change, the scheduling of an advance program was rendered difficult. However, through the cooperation of the workers on the project and by making some curtailments, the program was carried out in such a manner as to benefit the greatest number of participants.

Respectfully submitted,

NICHOLAS E. APALAKIS, Chairman

WILLIAM F. WILSON, Secretary

DONALD F. GLYNN

## REPORT OF TREE WARDEN

I herewith submit my fifth annual report as Tree Warden and Superintendent of Moth Work for the year ending December 31, 1939.

The sum of \$3,405.90 was spent on Shade Tree work for the year.

Throughout the year most of the time was taken up with trimming and repairing hurricane damage. The Elm Leaf beetle spray was applied in May with effective control. There still remains much work to be done as the result of the hurricane. Tree planting is being held over until the fall of 1940. The Town has a project approved for the planting of 634 trees. This project should have operated during the past fall but for lack of sufficient labor. Its purpose is to replace trees destroyed by the hurricane and also new planting where advisable.

The sum of \$4,515.98 was expended for Moth Work.

The Department has applied three sprays to private fruit trees and has also done considerable roadside and brushland spraying. The Town was covered in the Spring and Fall with the aid of the W. P. A. Moth Project. The work consisted of eradication of wild cherry and other plants on which Gypsy and Tent Caterpillars feed and the destruction of the egg masses of these and other injurious insects.

Respectfully submitted,

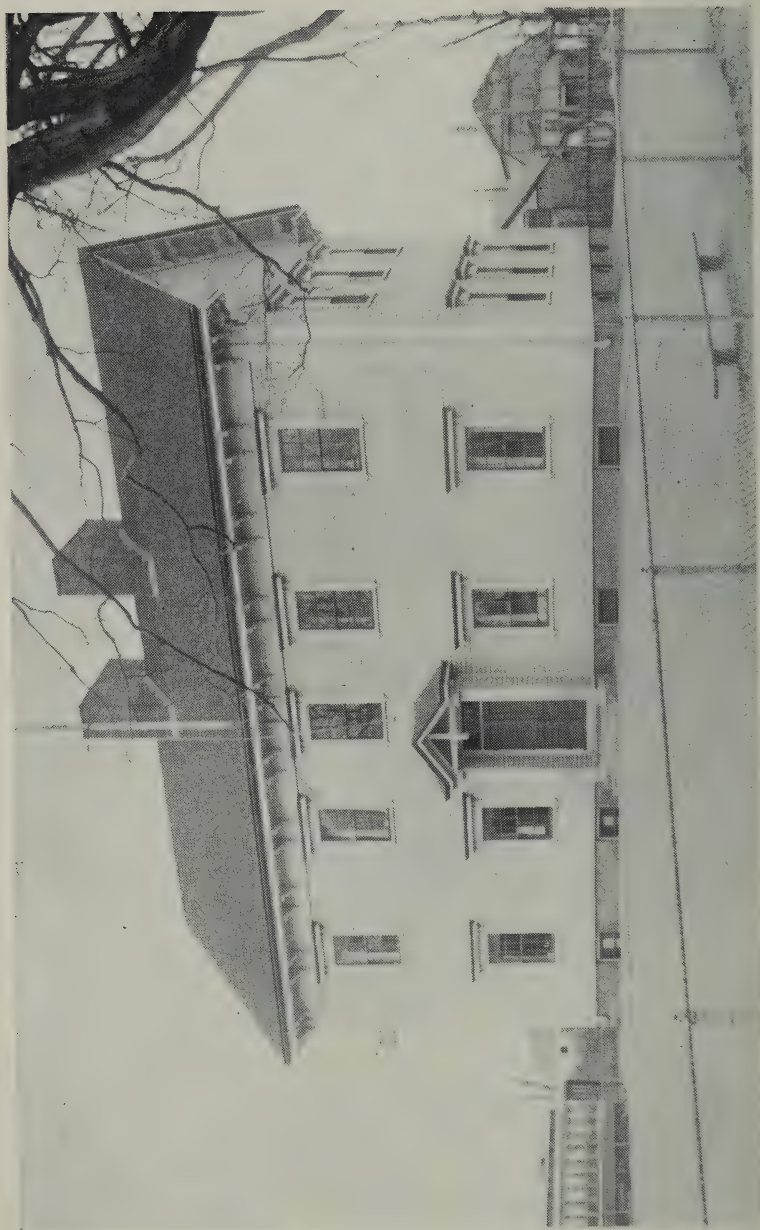
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Tree Warden & Supt. of Moth Work

ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
TOWN OF STONEHAM  
OF THE  
1939



A Democracy Operates Free Public Schools and Passes Compulsory Attendance Laws, not through a sense of charity but because it realizes that Education is the Only Means it has of Perpetuating Itself and Promoting Its Own Interests.



OLD NORTH SCHOOL

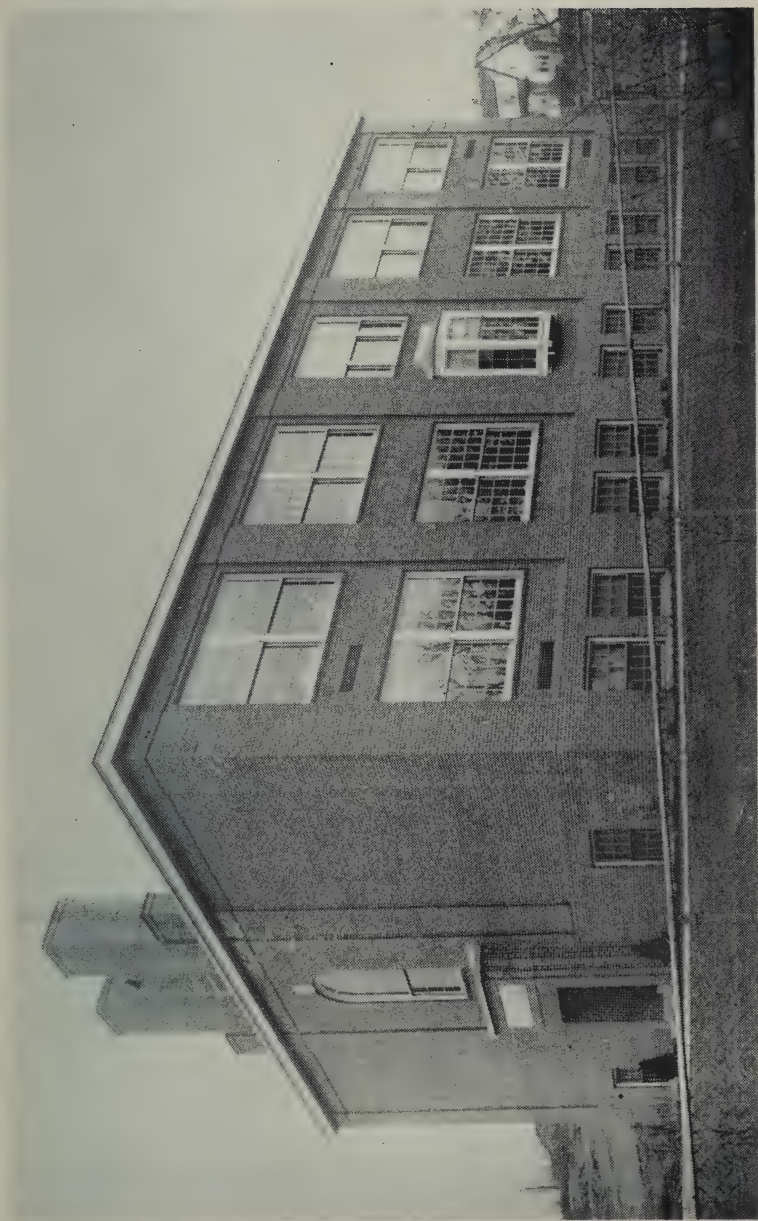




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OLD SOUTH SCHOOL

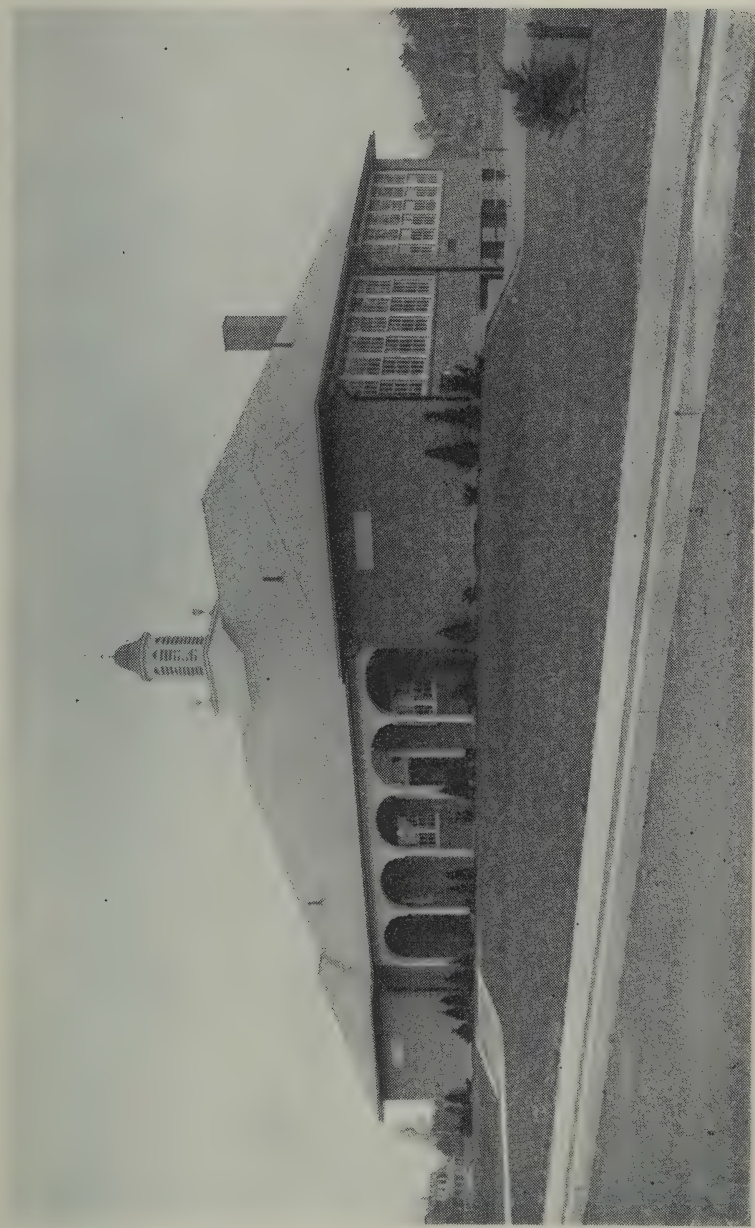


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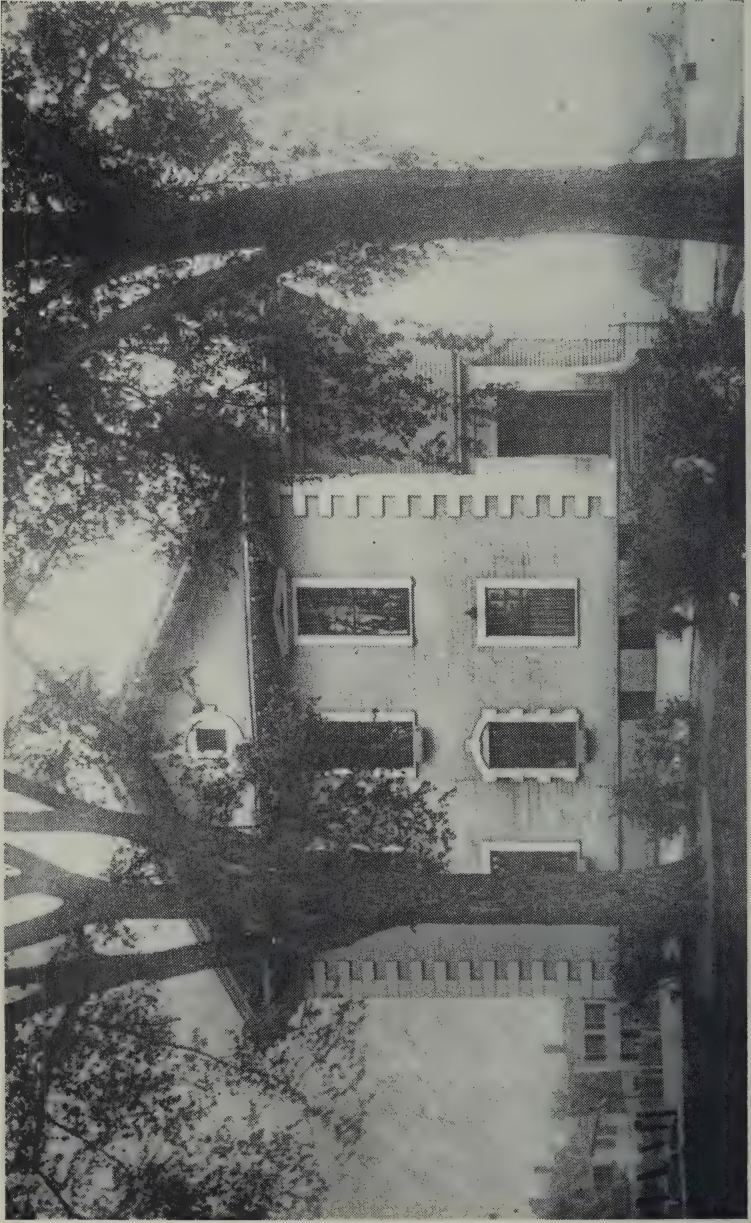


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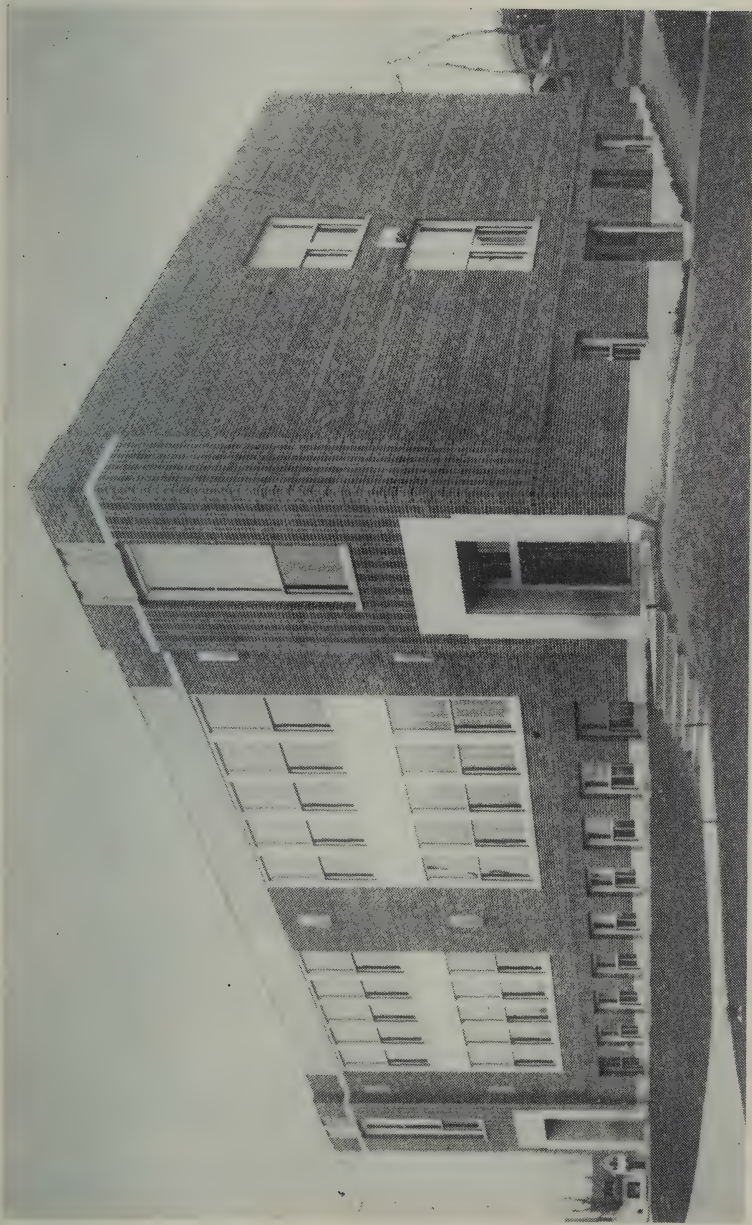


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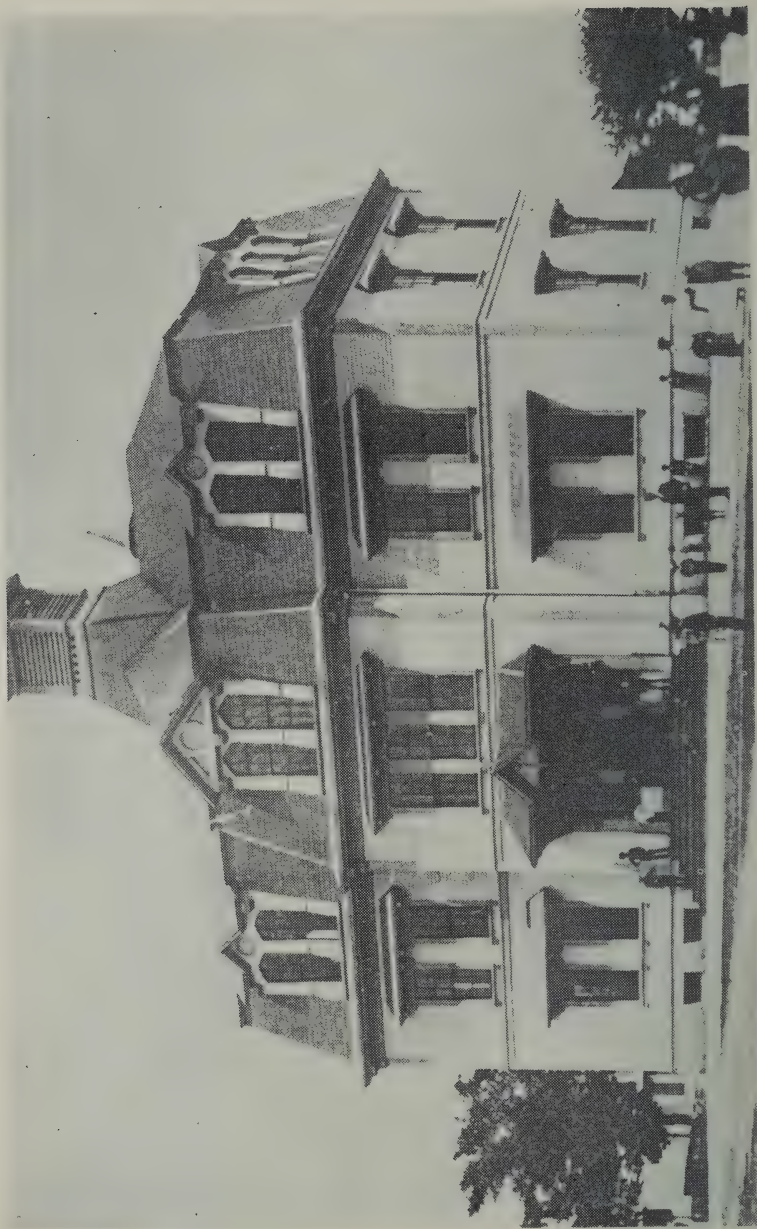


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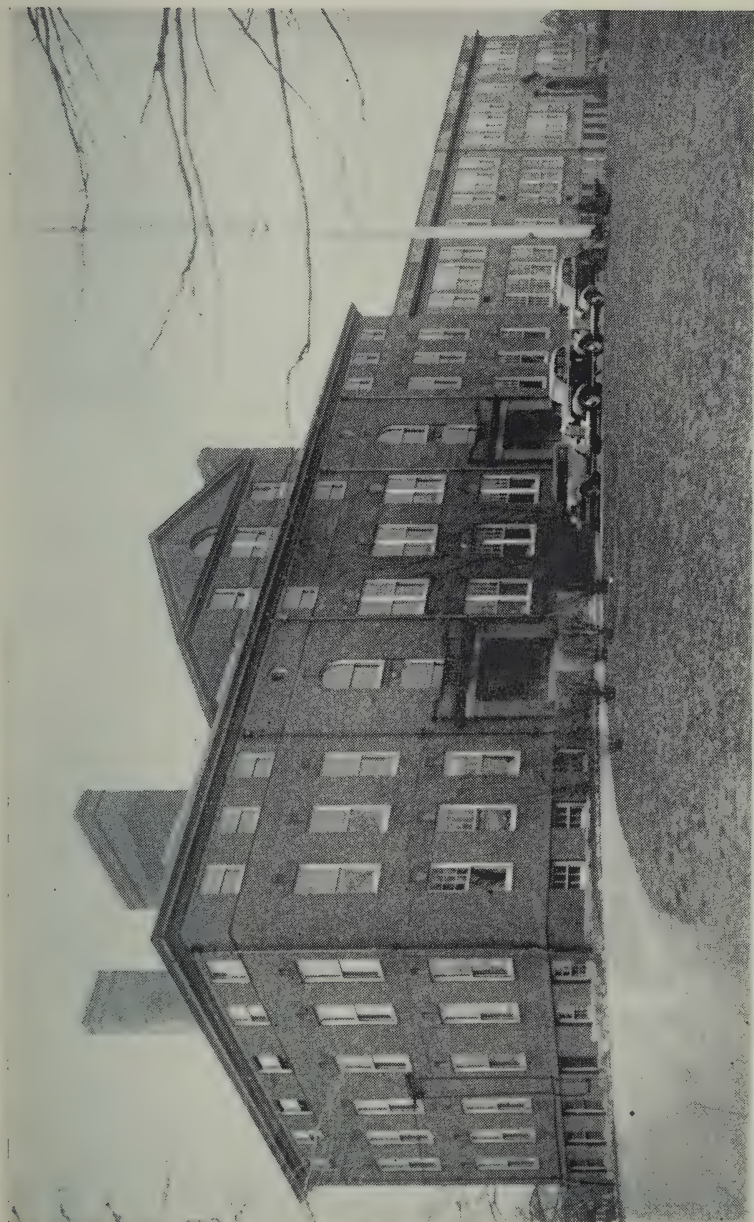


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DEAN SCHOOL — (OLD HIGH SCHOOL)



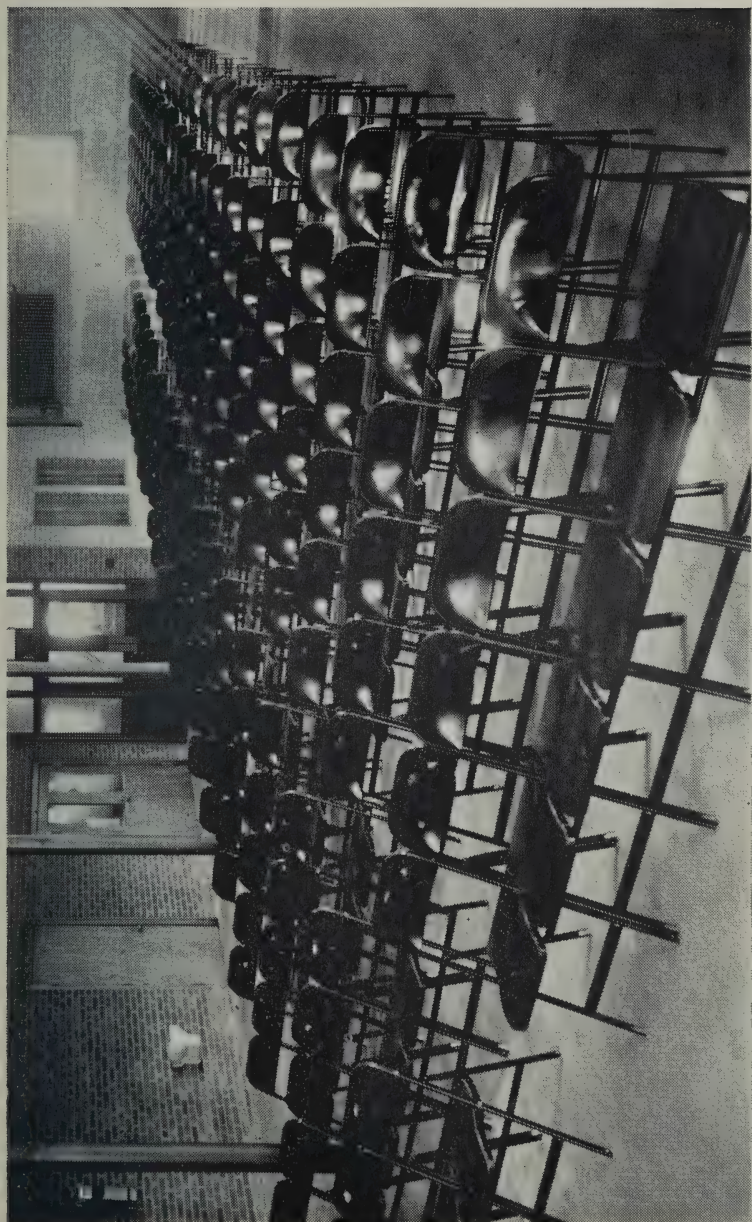
JUNIOR - SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL





SIXTH GRADE ROOM — EAST SCHOOL





PLAY ROOM SOUTH SCHOOL



FOURTH GRADE ROOM — SOUTH SCHOOL





## **School Committee**

Ralph R. Patch, Chairman, 25 Congress Street  
Term Expires 1940

Bertha A. Starr, 18 Everett Street  
Term Expires 1942

Frank J. Gallagher, 89 Washington Street  
Term Expires 1940

Everett C. Hunt, 25 Wilson Road  
Term Expires 1942

Joseph H. Kerrigan, M.D., 481 Main Street  
Term Expires 1941

Regular meetings are held in the School Committee Room in the Town Hall at 8.15 P. M., on the first Friday of each month.

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## **Superintendent of Schools and Secretary of School Committee**

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The Superintendent may be seen by appointment  
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Office Hours

School Days 8.00 to 5.00      Saturdays 9.00 to 12.00

School Vacations 9.00 to 12.00; 1.15 to 4.00



1940 Winter Term, January 2 to February 16  
Spring Term, February 26 to April 18  
Summer Term, April 29 to June 21 noon  
Fall Term, September 4 to December 20 noon  
High School Graduation, June 14  
Schools closed March 22, May 30, June 17, November 11,  
November 27 noon, 28, 29

1941 Winter Term, January 2 to February 21  
Spring Term, March 3 to April 25  
Summer Term, May 5 to June 20 noon  
High School Graduation, June 13  
Schools closed April 11, May 30, June 17

### **Hours of School**

North, South, and Emerson Schools: 8:30 to 11:30, 1:00 to 3:00  
East School: 8:40 to 11:40; 1:15 to 3:15  
Grade 1 may be dismissed 15 minutes earlier at each session  
Junior High School: 8:10 to 11:36; 12:51 to 2:28. Make-up period  
2:40 to 3:20  
Senior High School 8:10 to 1:40. Make-up period 1:45 to 2:28

### **No School Signal**

22 on fire alarm

No morning session:

All Grades 7.30 A. M.

Grades I to VI, 7.40 A. M.

Grades I to IV, 7.50 A. M.

No afternoon session:

Grades I to IX, 12.00 noon

Grades I to VI, 12.15 P. M.

Grades I to IV, 12.30 P. M.

No School announcements are also given over radio station  
WNAC between 7.15 and 8.00 A M; 12.00 noon, and 1.00 P M

## REPORT OF STONEHAM SCHOOL COMMITTEE

The School Committee is happy to be able to report that with the completion of the building program all pupils of the first six grades are now housed in excellent buildings. The handicaps and dangers that went with the old buildings are now a thing of the past.

In these new buildings pupils can be more comfortable, with less cost for fuel. Lighting is so much improved the next generation of Stoneham citizens should enjoy better eyesight.

As you will note from the report of the Superintendent of Schools, the new buildings, in new locations have made it possible to make a small reduction in the number of teachers, without loss of efficiency in the teaching. Also, there will be a saving in transportation costs.

In view of the low cost to us, under the Federal grants, we believe that the town acted wisely in providing at this time somewhat more room than is needed at present, so that we will not have to do any more building for some years to take care of our expanding population.

Only a part of the graduates of our schools can or should enter the various professions. With changing economic and social conditions we have a problem to give to the increasing numbers that continue through High School the best training to fit them for life. Pupil guidance becomes increasingly important. As you will note in Mr. Varney's report much thought and time is being given to this subject.

One prominent educator says, "The Public high school originated in New England a hundred odd years ago for the primary purpose of preparing boys and girls for a higher order of adult living — not for college."

You will also note from Mr. Varney's report that our High School continues to be approved by the College Entrance Certificate Board for the longest period which is granted to any school. This fact, together with the records of our graduates in the various colleges, indicates that we are giving a good preparation for college to those who will take it. Having in mind the many that cannot go on to college and believing that occupations other than the professions are just as important to the community, we approve the inclusion in our curriculum of those subjects which will help all pupils to give more in whatever line is best suited to their talents and to get more out of life.

Music enables anyone to get more out of life. One's ability to appreciate good music and to sing or play any of the various instruments is strongly influenced by what is done in the schools

to arouse the interest in music and what is done to get the largest number to participate in the musical program. The School Committee feels that we should give thought to what our own schools and other schools are doing in music, to the end that we make the most of our possibilities in music.

The committee will welcome suggestions and constructive criticism for the improvement of our schools.

Respectfully submitted,

RALPH R. PATCH, Chairman

BERTHA A. STARR

EVERETT C. HUNT

## REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the School Committee of Stoneham, Massachusetts  
Mrs. Starr and Gentlemen :

I herewith submit my eleventh annual report as Superintendent of Schools of the Town of Stoneham. It is the forty-ninth in the series of such reports.

I call your attention to the reports of the school surse and of the faculty manager of athletics which follow this report.

In spite of the fact that we all realize the great changes which have taken place in our social and economic conditions during the past twenty-five years, it is hard for some to see the need for changes in educational programs and in methods. There are, however, many others in closer touch with our rapidly shifting social structure who are realizing the necessity for changes that may prepare young people for life as it is today.

At our national meeting of School Administrators in Cleveland in February, 1939, we had several speakers who were connected with our penal institutions. Quotations from the speeches of two of these men are pertinent. Mr. Austin H. MacCormick, Commissioner of Corrections for the State of New York said: "It is my opinion that the American school of today must lose some of its rigidity and must adjust the content and method of its offerings more closely to the needs of all the children. It must give recognition to the worth and dignity of vocational training, either because of real interest or because of the stark necessity of preparing to make a living, to feel that he has stepped down to a lower level which he decides to pursue a voca-

tional course." He further said: "A nation has about as much crime and delinquency as it deserves. A nation that tolerates child labor must expect to have child crime; a nation that is too selfish or too careless to abolish slums must not expect slum-bred crime to abolish itself; a nation that pays its movie actresses \$480,000 a year and its teachers \$15.00 per week must be prepared to find its crime bill the biggest contract ever written!"

Warden James A. Johnson of the United States Penitentiary at Alcatraz Island, California, emphasized the value of education in combating crime. He stated that his own experience was in accord with the findings of Mr. Thayer of New York, who had found during his forty years of work with prisoners that he had met less than fifty college or university graduates, and that in the year 1932 he had not a single high school graduate in the Elmira Reformatory.

Other studies, he said, had shown that school failures were more frequently found to be the cause of delinquency than were mental defectiveness, poverty, broken homes, physical defects, psychopathic conditions, or any other conditions investigated. He further stated, "I believe the greatest opportunities are in the schools and that progress made in educational programs and teaching staffs offers our greatest hope."

Our own state is making a careful study of juvenile delinquency, and a report of a phase of that study made by the Massachusetts Child Council has recently come to my desk. The report contains an excellent chapter on the responsibility of the schools in helping to solve the crime problem. It states: "Inelastic curricular requirements have been shown to have a positive causal relationship to school maladjustment as evidenced in truancy and retardation. It is the opinion of many that the traditional, prescribed curricular, in the high school especially, are on too high a standard and are not generally adapted to the needs of the majority of pupils." It further states that the trend has been away from this strict requirement and toward a more practical program which will develop the skills and aptitudes of that large group of boys and girls who are not going on to college.

### Elementary Supervisor

Miss Alice H. Smith, who began her work in the Stoneham public schools in 1897, tendered her resignation to take effect at the end of the calendar year 1939. Her work has been varied. At first she was a regular classroom teacher, but when the opportunity room was established she was appointed as a special teacher for that room. She was always deeply interested in the education of boys and girls and, therefore, gave much time during the entire period of her service to self improvement

through study and reading. In 1928 she was appointed supervisor of the elementary grades. Her work has been quiet but very effective.

Miss Smith has been prominent in the supervisors' association of our state and has held several positions on committees. At the time of her retirement she was secretary of the Massachusetts Elementary Supervisors' Association and a member of the year book committee. In the summer of 1929 she was an American delegate to the International Educational Convention at Geneva, Switzerland, and chairman of the Round Table discussion group on the topic "Qualifications of A Teacher For Gifted Children."

Her work as elementary supervisor was varied and some of it so quietly done that it was little known. She did most of the standard testing, but for every hour she gave to testing she gave at least two hours to diagnosing and planning how to improve the school work to better meet the needs of all pupils. She also did a large amount of remedial teaching for individuals and for groups. This attention to particular difficulties has made it possible for many pupils who otherwise would have had to repeat a year of work, to go on with their grades.

Through the close cooperation of the supervisor with all the teachers of the elementary grades, a consistent and unified course of study has been built. New methods have been instituted as research in the field of education proved such changes were advisable.

I wish to express my own appreciation of Miss Smith's co-operative spirit and the efficient service she has rendered.

### **Social Studies**

Last year I spoke of the work being done by the teachers in grades three, four, five, and six on a new course in the social studies. The teachers have completed their work. At the present time the master copies are being made by senior high school pupils of the business course, and the mimeographing is being done by an N. Y. A. student. We hope that mimeographed copies will soon be completed and in the hands of all the elementary teachers.

### **New Elementary Schools**

When schools opened on September 6, 1939, all of the pupils in grades one through six were housed in fine new and modern buildings. The location of these buildings has not only lessened our obligations for transportation, but has also made possible a better grouping of pupils, thereby enabling us to employ fewer elementary school teachers. Heating costs have been greatly



reduced. The 1940 school budget calls for \$991.81 less than the average amount expended for fuel for the five-year period before the last three new buildings were built.

The new buildings have also given rise to an improved attitude toward school by pupils, teachers, and parents.

### **Improved Instructional Equipment**

Pupils, teachers, and parents at the East School have purchased a moving picture machine. Of all the visual aids to education, the moving picture machine has the strongest appeal to young people, and, as it graphically depicts the evolutionary process of a whole industry, it leaves an indelible impression on their minds. Industry can often be studied better than by actual visits to the plants. Without leaving the classroom it is possible, through trips to foreign countries or to distant points in our own United States of America to acquaint pupils with customs, habits, and general living conditions of very interesting people.

The Emerson School, also realizing its educational value, is planning to purchase a moving picture machine and the North School Parent-Teacher Council has already voted that such a purchase be made as soon as they can earn the money.

Since many films are now available at small cost, we plan to build up a film library of our own. The South School Council has presented their school with a new Phono-Radio which will make it possible for the children to have the advantage of the excellent educational programs being broadcast and to become familiar with the best music through recordings.

It is our earnest hope that all schools will eventually be equipped with moving picture machines, radios, and pianos which are valuable assets to an educational program.

### **Junior-Senior High School**

The complex nature of the problem of administering a high school today springs chiefly from the heterogeneous nature of its membership whose ideals, habits, abilities, and customs vary more than those of any other organized group. Frequently people do not realize why all high school pupils are not of the same type and inclination, as was more nearly true not many years ago when high school attendance was less universal.

Our school must work today, through classroom and extra curricula activities, to bring out the best, not only in academically-minded groups, but also in that other group for whom the traditional curricula is not adapted. A few of our boys and girls find satisfaction by attending neighboring trade schools, but such

attendance is restricted because of the crowded conditions in most of these schools. Many others who are neither academically nor mechanically-minded should be given courses which have more of interest and value for them. Although in years past we have given such a course we now find it difficult to enroll pupils because they do not understand its true value.

### Enrollment

A study of enrollment tables shows a continued increase in the size of the junior and senior high schools, and figures, insofar as they are available for the next few years, indicate that the present enrollment will continue until most of the grades now in the elementary schools have reached the high school. After a period of from six to eight years the high school enrollment may show less increase. Whether or not there will be an actual decrease will depend upon the growth in the population of the town.

#### Enrollment by Grades and Sex October 1, 1939

Grade	Boys	Girls	Totals
7	88	66	154
9	89	79	168
10	88	63	151
11	65	65	130
12	73	72	145
P. G.	4	4	8
Totals	490	413	903

#### Annual Enrollment in Junior and Senior High Schools (Average Membership)

	8	83	64	147
1928-29	679.62	1935-36	847.00	
1929-30	690.20	1936-37	884.00	
1930-31	726.77	1937-38	894.00	
1931-32	762.11	1938-39	879.00	
1932-33	808.59	1939-40	*903.00	
1933-34	850.00			
1934-35	866.00	*Enrollment on October 1, 1939		

#### Enrollment by Courses September, 1939

Grade	College	General	Practical Arts	Business	Total
7					150
8					145
9	96	28	*	46	170
10	65	61	*	37	151

11	56	38	*	38	130
12	74	37	12	28	151
					<hr/> 897

\*Included in General Course Enrollments

### Pupil Guidance

All adequate modern philosophies of education today are centered around a core of guidance within the school. In the secondary school over the past two decades pupil guidance has received more consideration than has any other problem, except perhaps the revision of the curricula. We have gradually come to realize that guidance is not an act but a process which involves many complex choices over a period of time, and that the function of the school is to so orient the pupil and to acquaint him with life's opportunities and responsibilities that his choices, whether social, academic, or vocational, will be the best for him in the light of society's needs and in the light of his own part in that society.

Two of the chief handicaps in the realization of this objective are lack of facilities and of personnel. Especially is this true in most towns like Stoneham where guidance activities have to be carried on in the junior high school, either by the home room teacher or in the few free periods of one guidance teacher, and in the senior high school by the principal.

In the junior high school, guidance is largely educational and personal. Individual differences are considered and pupils are fitted into those places in the school where they can best progress. The reduction of failures is a constant concern and dozens of adjustments are made in the earlier weeks of the year with generally satisfactory results. Stoneham's reputation for success in helping problem pupils to adjust themselves and in helping new pupils from other communities to fit into our school environment has been gained only after long planning and by our willingness to consider the needs of each individual pupil.

In the senior high school this work continues through an unusually flexible system of program adjustments, and by careful case studies of a number of pupils whose background has been inadequate, either academically or socially.

Consideration of ultimate vocational choice becomes of greater importance as the pupil moves through the senior high school, information being made available to juniors and seniors on matters of college entrance and general vocational information. Because of time limitations, the principal can give vocational guidance only to seniors, the other classes being incidentally

advised by the vice principal and by the home room teachers. Over four hundred individual conferences are held by the principal with seniors on matters of college entrance and of vocational choices. If the program permitted, even more time could be spent to advantage. Pupils and parents alike have responded with eagerness to these conferences. Some group conferences have also been held, but the most effective work is of a private and individual nature.

The school library continues to add to its collection reference books and pamphlets on careers. These are freely read by upper classmen and by their parents.

## IN GENERAL

### College Entrance

Stoneham High School's college entrance status continues to be excellent. Pupils are maintaining gratifying records in about seventy colleges and other schools of higher education throughout the entire country. There has been a tendency in recent years for pupils to choose colleges nearer home because of the necessity for keeping expenses at a minimum. Since 1934 we have been approved by the College Entrance Certificate Board, comprised of representatives from many standard colleges, for the longest period which is granted to any school, — namely, for four years. Approval of this nature is granted to schools whose pupils maintain themselves with credit in member colleges. We are also rated as a Class A high school by the State Department of Education.

### Scholarships

Every year at graduation time we are acutely conscious of the need for additional scholarship assistance for those worthy members of the college preparatory group who deserve to continue their schooling but are without funds. It is disheartening to realize that a large number of our honor pupils in recent years who qualified for college entrance were unable to attend because of financial handicaps. It is earnestly hoped that organizations and individuals will consider the need for increasing scholarship assistance.

### Placement Service

Our placement service for business course graduates was reorganized this year and a new system of records instituted. Some new contacts were made with firms and many graduates of the commercial course were placed in positions, some of these pupils being excused from school to accept work before graduation. A survey of the Class of 1939 shows that its graduates are engaged as follows:



In college or continuing education .....	48
Employed whole or part time .....	47
Unemployed, married, or at home .....	36
Unaccounted for .....	7
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Total .....	138

## Class Size

Gradual reduction in the teacher personnel at a time when enrollment was increasing has resulted in the elimination of many small classes and in the creation of a few sections which are beyond desirable size, especially in the business course which are incoming freshman section numbered 46. It would be very desirable to divide the new business groups into two divisions, one for the pupils of greater ability who are interested in training themselves for secretarial positions, and the other for the pupils whose chief interest is clerical training. At present too many pupils who are not qualified for the rigorous training it demands are electing the business course.

## Pupil Activities

Our school is noted for the very wide participation of its pupils in those extra curricular activities which play a major part in the whole scheme of education today. We attempt to have every pupil interested in at least one non-academic activity, believing that the training and inspiration so derived plays as important a part in the development of children as does the study of traditional school subjects.

## Music

A preliminary survey in the field of music offerings in the Stoneham schools, although not complete, shows that the town affords fewer facilities for musical training than is the case in most surrounding towns. The study is being continued and a final report should be ready during this school year. Nevertheless there has been a great increase in voluntary response to the musical offerings in the junior and senior high schools. The school orchestra has increased in size and is doing very creditable work. The newly organized senior high school Glee Club has been complimented by the several audiences before whom it has performed this year. The Modern Music Club, the Music Appreciation Club, and the Junior High School Chorus have all enjoyed a successful season. During the depression many pupils were forced to do without instrumental music lessons. It is hoped that this period is now passed and that we shall have a greater variety of musical talent to draw upon.

## **Character Education**

Outstanding among schools of our size has been the work in character education carried on in our junior high school during the home room period. For several years a course of study to meet our own needs has been slowly developed until fairly definite units of instruction have been evolved. Many other schools have been interested in this project and have patterned their own plans upon ours.

## **Community Service**

The real spirit of the school is shown when the pupils lend their support to community activities. Junior Red Cross collections have been generous; assistance and money earned by the pupils have been used to assist the Park Department; the various musical organizations have contributed their services, always free of charge, to many functions of a community nature; and charity work has been carried on at Thanksgiving and Christmas time by the filling of baskets for the needy. A special Red Cross service this year, as in past years, was the repairing of a large number of toys for children who otherwise might have had none. The greatest value of these services lies in the stimulation of the interest of our young people in the happiness and the welfare of others.

## **National Youth Administration**

We continue to employ to the limit our quota in the N. Y. A., the boys and girls thus employed contributing various services within the school department.

## **Assemblies**

Our assembly program, handicapped in recent years as the old assembly hall on the third floor has gradually been outgrown, can be somewhat expanded due to the kindness of the Selectmen in making the new town hall auditorium available for educational purposes. Our first assembly was the junior high school Christmas program. For the first time in many years we were able to have the whole school together at once without unduly interrupting gymnasium classes.

## **Lunch Counter**

Lunch counter facilities are lacking, a fact not realized by many citizens. We have a small serving room only, pupils being required to eat in the corridors and in the gymnasium. We look forward to the day when an adequate cafeteria can be provided so that pupils may buy hot lunches at cost.

## **CONCLUSION**

We strive to make our educational program both scientific

and humane, always keeping in mind both the present and the future needs of the pupils. We allow as much freedom as to method and to scope of subject matter as may be necessary to meet the varying needs of our student body.

I here express my deep appreciation to all those who have helped in carrying out an educational program which is essentially progressive in nature.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES E. VARNEY,

Superintendent of Schools.

### Report of School Nurse

Since so many people have said to me at various times, "Just what does your work comprise — what do you do?", I thought it might not be amiss to relate here and at this time of reporting to you annually in detail the routine of any average day on the job as school nurse.

A telephone call was received at home about 7.20 a. m. It was a parent asking me to call at her house, preferably on the way to my office in the South School, to pass judgment on whether or not her child was ready to return to school, having had impetigo, (a contagious skin disease) on her face. Home call was made. The child was found not fully recovered, though apparently receiving proper treatment.

At the office I received a telephone call at 8.15 o'clock reporting an emergency case at the Emerson School demanding immediate attention. A child had stepped on a large, rusty nail in the school yard. First aid treatment was administered. The pupil was taken home and after consultation with both parents, he, accompanied by his mother, was taken to the office of the family physician where treatment was received. In this case treatment for the prevention of possible tetanus infection seemed imminent.

Next came the daily visit to the Superintendent's office. Bulletins, mail, books, etc., were picked up here and transported while making visits to the various schools. I consulted with Superintendent concerning the approaching metal clinic and the home calls necessitated for information to be used in diagnosing and making recommendations on the cases.

A visit was made at the High School. An inspection was made of the lunch room, particular attention being paid to sanitary conditions especially the prevalence of flies. A drive was in force to eliminate the presence of flies and so remove possible contamination of food stuffs with resultant sickness. Certain examinations had been made of all those working in the lunch room handling or selling food to the teachers and pupils. Samples

of the water had been taken for analysis — all toward prevention of sickness and disease.

A visit to the East School was made. Each pupil in the first grade was individually examined principally for red or sore throats, temperatures taken, etc., for a case of scarlet fever had developed in a pupil in that grade. This procedure was for the protection of other children and for the control of contagion. All pupils exposed will be watched carefully for at least two weeks. Those showing any suspicious symptoms will be immediately segregated. The desks, books and other equipment which had been used by that pupil having scarlet fever were disposed of in the proper manner.

Physical education workers were in all the elementary schools giving posture tests. Several pupils were referred to me for eye and also ear tests because of poor posture, particularly forward heads. Especially good work along this line during the past few years has resulted so noticeably in good postural conditions throughout, noticeably superior to that of children new to this town. It is the opinion of the School Health Department that continued effort in this direction is more efficient than any contest which might be conducted for a short period of time. Stoneham children could rate high in this respect.

A home call was made relative to helping to provide proper clothing for a junior high school pupil. Conditions were looked into and the health of the child was discussed at great length with the parent.

Considerable time was spent as a preliminary to the Tuberculosis prevention clinic to be held in the near future. This is an annual clinic and the follow-up work is being done constantly. For example, pupils are taken periodically for X-rays and examinations, remedial defects corrected, etc.

To sum it up — the work of the School Nurse continues to be mostly along the lines of prevention and education. All the examinations and the various clinics strive for preventive measures, while the home calls, the pupil, parent and teacher consultations are for health education.

The Stoneham public schools have had a good year— progress being made slowly and surely. With the aid and much appreciated cooperation of all school workers and the all-important cooperation of the parents may we reach a high goal this new year.

Respectfully submitted,  
MARION L. FRANCHERE, R. N.



## Report of Faculty Manager of Athletics

Mr. Charles E. Varney, Superintendent of Schools,

Dear Mr. Varney:—I herewith submit my fourteenth annual financial statement for the Stoneham High School Athletic Association.

We have continued a very successful program of athletics this past year under an efficient coaching staff. The distinguishing feature about athletics at Stoneham High School is the large numbers enrolled in the several sports. We do not intensify training for a few but open our program to any boy or girl who will participate. This plan serves to develop the physical capacities of a much greater number and Stoneham holds its place in game winnings.

There is a growing interest in soccer and tennis and some recognition has been given these sports. Increased revenue is necessary before we can add new burdens to our already over taxed treasury.

The condition of the Pomeworth Street playground this year was a threat to the safety of our pupils. The rocky surface was without sod after a dry summer and the menace of dust and stones made it practically impossible of use.

The lack of a fenced-in enclosure and a suitable playing surface has led us to plan the Reading and Woburn football games to be played in those towns. We sincerely hope that added facilities at Recreation Park, Gould Meadow, will make that playground ready for football in the fall. The revenue from a properly enclosed field will relieve us of some of our financial difficulties and make it possible to provide our boys and girls with any necessary equipment for all sports.

We extend our thanks to you, Mr. Varney, for your interest and assistance and to all others who have in any way helped us in the support of our athletic program.

Very truly yours,

WILLIAM M. NADEAU,

Faculty Manager of Athletics

### Financial Statement

#### Receipts

Bank Balance January 1, 1939 .....	\$ 129.99
General (including benefits and gifts) .....	595.24
A. A. Dues .....	133.20
Basketball:	
Game Receipts (Boys) .....	\$ 99.45
Game Receipts (Girls) .....	30.90
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	130.35

Hockey:		
Garden Tickets .....	521.01	
Transportation .....	14.78	
		<hr/> 535.79
Baseball:		
Game Receipts .....		35.63
Football:		
Game Receipts .....		426.65
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Total Receipts .....		\$1,986.85
<b>Payments</b>		
General (Expenses of shows, awards, postage, etc.) .....	\$ 222.81	
Police .....	61.00	
Basketball:		
Officials .....	\$ 78.00	
Transportation .....	55.00	
Supplies .....	31.76	
		<hr/> 164.76
Basketball: Girls		
Officials .....	5.00	
Supplies .....	.50	
		<hr/> 5.50
Baseball:		
Officials .....	47.00	
Transportation .....	43.25	
Supplies .....	172.47	
		<hr/> 262.72
Cross Country:		
Transportation .....		2.50
Football:		
Officials .....	96.00	
Transportation .....	68.50	
Supplies .....	143.26	
Miscellaneous .....	11.25	
		<hr/> 319.01
Hockey:		
Officials .....	5.00	
Transportation .....	172.35	
Supplies .....	142.94	
Ticket Sales .....	351.32	
Miscellaneous .....	50.00	
		<hr/> 721.61
Field Hockey:		
Officials .....	15.00	
Transportation .....	5.00	

Supplies .....	21.00	41.00
Total Payments .....		\$1,800.91
Check Book Balance .....		185.94
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		\$1,986.85

## Report of the Work of the Middlesex County Extension Service in Stoneham

The following is a report of the 4-H Club work done in Stoneham during 1938-39.

Stoneham had a very good year from the standpoint of 4-H Club work, with Mrs. Perley Kendall again re-elected as Town Chairman. There were four clothing clubs, one home furnishing club, and two handicraft clubs, with a total enrollment of thirty-eight girls and boys. Local leaders in charge of these groups were: Mrs. Elizabeth MacRae, Mrs. Frank Simons, Mrs. Ernest Johnson, Miss Dorothy Alger, Mrs. Perley Kendall, Mr. Ernest Johnson, and Mr. George P. Kendall, assisted by Donald MacRae.

Stoneham was represented by club members in attendance at County Camp. Mrs. Elizabeth MacRae was among the delegation of local leaders from Middlesex County at local leaders' camp, held at the State College in Amherst, during Farm and Home Week.

Emily MacRae, youngest contestant in the Singer Sewing Machine Contest for Eastern Massachusetts held at Brockton Fair in September, won second place among twelve girls representing six counties. These girls were scored on their knowledge and use of the sewing machine with its attachments, on cotton pajamas made previous to the contest, and on a child's sun-suit made in the presence of the judges at the Fair on the day of the contest.

The County Club Agents wish to express their sincere appreciation of the cooperation of the town committee in securing leaders, helping with transportation problems, making arrangements for the use of halls, etc.

Setting the date for the spring exhibit at the fall meeting of the committee has worked out admirably for leaders and agents. There has also been marked improvement in the quality of leaders' reports, and the promptness with which they have been submitted to the county office. All of these are factors which contribute largely to the efficiency and success of the organization.

## School Budget For 1940

I	INSTRUCTION:	1939	1940	Difference
	Salaries .....	\$128,725.00	\$127,242.00	\$1,483.00—
	Books .....	2,995.00	3,135.00	140.00+
	Supplies .....	3,890.00	4,248.00	358.00+
II	OPERATION:			
	Salaries .....	10,018.00	10,330.00	312.00+
	Fuel .....	4,917.00	4,865.00	52.00—
	Miscellaneous .....	4,890.00	4,990.00	100.00+
III	MAINTENANCE:			
	Repairs .....	1,400.00	2,075.00	675.00+
IV	AUXILIARY AGENCIES:			
	Health .....	3,154.00	3,150.00	None
	Library .....	2,000.00	2,040.00	40.00+
	Transportation .....	1,100.00	950.00	150.00—
	Tuition .....	100.00	None	100.00—
	Miscellaneous .....	300.00	475.00	175.00+
V	OUTLAY:			
	New Equipment .....	None	512.00	512.00+
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		\$163,485.00	\$164,012.00	\$527.00+

### Special Appropriations:

Trade Schools .....	\$ 1,500.00
Americanization .....	500.00
Police Service .....	150.00

### Receipts:

State Income Tax .....	\$13,554.80
Tuition from City of Boston for City Wards .....	234.00
Tuition for State Wards .....	2,215.00
Evening School Tuition (Balance of deposits) .....	112.00
Miscellaneous cash returned to Town Treasurer .....	116.79

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\$16,232.59

### Summary

#### I INSTRUCTION:

##### Salaries:

Elementary Teachers .....	\$43,050.00
Increments .....	620.00
Substitutes .....	600.00
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	\$44,270.00
Junior H. S. Teachers .....	\$24,590.00
Increments .....	292.00
Substitutes .....	450.00
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	25,332.00



Senior H. S. Teachers .....	\$35,550.00	
Increments .....	240.00	
Substitutes .....	450.00	
		36,240.00
Special Teachers .....	\$14,800.00	
Increments .....	40.00	
Substitutes .....	100.00	
		14,940.00
Administration .....	\$ 5,275.00	
Increments .....	235.00	
Travel .....	400.00	
		5,910.00
Evening School .....		550.00
		<u>\$127,242.00</u>

Note: The amount allowed for substitutes in the 1939 budget—\$1,250.00—was much too small. Amount spent for substitutes in 1938-39 was \$1,670.50 and it will be a little larger for 1940.

#### Books:

770 Elementary Pupils @ \$1.50 .....	\$1,155.00
469 Junior H. S. Pupils @ 2.00 .....	938.00
434 Senior H. S. Pupils @ 2.40 .....	1,042.00
	<u>\$3,135.00</u>

#### Supplies:

770 Elementary Pupils @ \$1.75 .....	\$1,330.00
469 Junior H. S. Pupils @ 2.75 .....	1,290.00
434 Senior H. S. Pupils @ 3.75 .....	1,628.00
	<u>\$4,248.00</u>

## II OPERATION:

\*Salaries .....\$10,330.00

\*Before the last three new elementary schools were built the total salaries were \$10,500.00.

#### Fuel: \*Oil:

North School—13,000 gals. @ 4c .....	\$520.00
South School—13,000 gals. @ 4c .....	520.00
East School—12,000 gals. @ 4c .....	480.00
	<u>\$1,520.00</u>

\*Estimates based on amount used in South School (12,700 gals.) and East School (11,162 gals.) for school year 1938-39.

#### Bituminous Coal:

Emerson School, 85 tons @ \$6.50 .....\$ 552.50

Junior-Senior High School,

425 tons @ 6.50 .....	2,762.50	
		3,325.00

Wood: (Estimated) .....		20.00
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Total for Fuel .....		\$4,865.00
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Note: The average cost for the five school years before the new North, South, and East Schools were built was \$5,836.81. This shows an average saving of \$991.81 per year.

Miscellaneous:

Electricity .....	\$3,000.00
Water .....	700.00
Gas .....	150.00
Towels (100 cases @ \$2.00) .....	200.00
Toilet Paper (10 cases @ \$6.00) .....	60.00
Floor Brushes and Cleaning Materials .....	150.00
Floor Treatments .....	250.00
Liquid Hand Soap .....	35.00
Telephones .....	445.00
	<hr/> \$4,990.00

III MAINTENANCE:

Shop Replacements .....	\$ 75.00
Cleaning Athletic Equipment .....	300.00
Brick Work at Emerson School .....	205.00
Brick Work at High School .....	185.00
Slate Roof and Gutters for High School .....	250.00
General Repairs .....	860.00
*Kitchen for Emerson School .....	200.00
	<hr/> \$2,075.00

\*The Emerson School Council has asked to have a suitable place to cook as have the other elementary schools.

IV AUXILIARY AGENCIES:

Health:

Nurse's Salary .....	\$2,000.00
Nurse's Travel Expenses .....	200.00
Doctor's Salary .....	750.00
Supplies .....	200.00
	<hr/> \$3,150.00

Library:

Librarian's Salary .....	\$1,640.00
Books and Supplies .....	400.00
	<hr/> \$2,040.00

Transportation:

Bus Routes .....	\$ 750.00
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Taxi Routes .....	200.00	
		<hr/> \$950.00

Tuition:

New schools are so located that no tuition is now being paid.

Miscellaneous .....	\$475.00
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This item covers \$300.00 for high school graduation, incidental expenses, badges for newsboys; express and cartage, other than on books, supplies and fuel; miscellaneous printing and advertising, etc. and \$175.00 for a proposed automobile safety driving program.

V OUTLAY:

New Equipment:

Photo Electric Cell .....	\$ 18.00	
Polarized Discs .....	5.00	
General Science New Equipment .....	75.00	
1-16 m. m. Moving Picture Machine .....	139.00	
1 Wide Filing Cabinet .....	23.00	
1 Drill for Shop .....	29.95	
1 Motor for Shop .....	19.95	
2 Gymnasium Mats .....	50.00	
100 Locks for Pupils' Lockers @ \$1.10 .....	110.00	
1 Typewriter Desk for Office .....	40.00	
		<hr/> \$511.90

# Courses for Professional Advancement Taken by Teachers During 1939

Teacher	Spring	Summer	Fall
Lydia Bagdikian		Voice and Diction — Curry School of Expression; Travel through United States and west coast of Mexico	
Jeanette M. Bailey			Adult Psychology — Dr. Pigors — So. School
Bessie W. Baker	Child Psychology — Dr. Pigors — So. School		Adult Psychology — Dr. Pigors — So. School
Eleanor M. Baker			Adult Psychology — Dr. Pigors — So. School
Helen M. Barnes			
Carmen T. Buono	Popular Science Lectures — M. I. T.		Adult Psychology — Dr. Pigors — So. School
M. Ethel Chapman	Child Psychology — Dr. Pigors — So. School		Adult Psychology — Dr. Pigors — So. School
Janet F. Copland	Child Psychology — Dr. Pigors — So. School		Adult Psychology — Dr. Pigors — So. School
Dorothy Daley	Child Psychology — Dr. Pigors — So. School		Current Affairs — James H. Powers Center of Adult Education — Boston Radio Writing — Emerson College
Katherine A. Devlin			Current Affairs — Adult Center, Boston
Ruth G. Finn			Adult Psychology — Dr. Pigors — So. School
Harriet E. Fitzgerald	Child Psychology — Dr. Pigors — So. School		Adult Psychology — Dr. Pigors — So. School
Betty M. Foster	Child Psychology — Dr. Pigors — So. School		Adult Psychology — Dr. Pigors — So. School
Marion L. Franchere			



Lydia H. Freitag  
 Eva M. Garland  
 Ruth Gerrish  
 Florence H. Graham  
 Rosemary Hamill  
 Priscilla G. Hinchcliffe  
 Catherine E. Hubby  
 Mildred Jensen  
 Alice F. King  
 Vera C. Lawson  
 Mildred E. Leavitt  
 Marjorie F. Markham  
 Miriam N. Marsh  
 William G. Miller

Play Writing; Int. Dec. —  
 Univ. Ext., Boston  
 Child Psychology — Dr.  
 Pigors — So. School  
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 Child Psychology — Dr.  
 Pigors — So. School  
 International Affairs —  
 Harvard  
 First Aid — Boston Red  
 Cross; Social Dancing —  
 Hazel Boone School of Danc-  
 ing  
 Child Psychology — Dr.  
 Pigors — So. School  
 Current Events — Harvard

Travel through United  
 States

Adult Psychology — Dr.  
 Pigors — So. School  
 Adult Psychology — Dr.  
 Pigors — So. School  
 Adult Psychology — Dr.  
 Pigors — So. School  
 Italian — Univ. Ext.  
 Adult Psychology — Dr.  
 Pigors — So. School  
 Adult Psychology — Dr.  
 Pigors — So. School  
 Adult Psychology — Dr.  
 Pigors — So. School  
 International Affairs — Har-  
 vard  
 Adult Psychology — Dr.  
 Pigors — So. School  
 Current Science Lectures —  
 M. I. T.

# Courses for Professional Advancement Taken by Teachers During 1939

Teacher	Spring	Summer	Fall
William M. Nadeau	Seminar Unit Assignment in Secondary Education — B. U.		Advanced French Conversation — Univ. Ext.
Marian E. Pickering			Adult Psychology — Dr. Pigors — So. School
Alice E. Riggs	Child Psychology — Dr. Pigors — So. School		Adult Psychology — Dr. Pigors — So. School
Lydia Risi			Conv. Italian II—Univ. Ext. Adult Psychology — Dr. Pigors — So. School
Alexandra S. Roberts			Current Affairs — Boston Center for Adult Education
Genevieve Roberts		Zoology; Botany; Home Room Guidance — Boston University	
Florance C. Ruggles	Child Psychology — Dr. Pigors — So. School		Adult Psychology — Dr. Pigors — So. School
Eleanor H. Russell	Child Psychology — Dr. Pigors — So. School		Adult Psychology — Dr. Pigors — So. School
Fannie M. Spinney	Child Psychology — Dr. Pigors — So. School		Adult Psychology — Dr. Pigors — So. School
Rachel H. Steele	Child Psychology — Dr. Pigors — So. School		Adult Psychology — Dr. Pigors — So. School
S. Evelyn Stewart	Child Psychology — Dr. Pigors — So. School		Adult Psychology — Dr. Pigors — So. School
Effie L. Stone	Psychology of Self Dev. — Univ. Ext. — Child Psychology — Dr. Pigors — So. School		Adult Psychology — Dr. Pigors — So. School

Eileen J. Tobin  
 Gladys Tucker  
 Alice M. Walsh

Child Psychology — Dr.  
 Pigors — So. School  
 Child Psychology — Dr.  
 Pigors — So. School  
 Child Psychology — Dr.  
 Pigors — So. School

Philosophy of Education —  
 Univ. Ext.

Adult Psychology — Dr.  
 Pigors — So. School  
 Adult Psychology — Dr.  
 Pigors — So. School

# List of Teachers and Other Employees

## Special Teachers

Name	Subject or Grade	Address	Date App.	Educated At
Eleanor M. Baker	Art	22 Pomeworth St.	1937	Mass. Normal Art
M. Dorothy Corcoran	Domestic Science	5 Myrtle St.	1938	Mass. State College
Walter M. Dalglish	Music	15 Richardson Av, N. And.	1925	Harvard
Karl P. Elerin	Physical Education	88 Collincoate St.	1930	Springfield College
Marion L. Franchere	Nurse	55 Central St.	1923	Col. Univ., Win. Hosp.
Vera C. Lawson	Physical Education	82 Central St.	1927	New Haven Normal
Miriam N. Marsh	Library	537 Main St.	1937	B. U. and Simmons
Anna M. Regish	Arith, Type, Jr. Bus. Tr, Pen.	21 Myrtle St.	1931	Sa'em Normal
**Alice H. Smith	Standards and Guidance	167 Hancock St.	1897	Sa'em Normal
Coeffrey W. Talbot	Shop	70 Morgan St., Melrose	1926	Tufts College
Gustave E. Lund	Maintenance Man	181 Central St.	1932	
<b>School Physician</b>				
Norman P. Hersam		20 Hersam St.		Harvard Med., Un. of Cal.
<b>Supervisor of Attendance</b>				
Herbert N. Louis		16 Pleasant St.	1930	
<b>Transportation Officers</b>				
***Albert F. Lane		41 Franklin St.	1938	
Harry R. Dockam		456 Main St.	1939	
<b>Clerk</b>				
Margaret M. McLaughlin		125 Main St.	1932	
<b>High School</b>				
<b>Principal</b>				
Howard W. Watson		39 Lindenwood Rd	1926	Middlebury and Harvard
William M. Nadeau	Vice Prin., French, Math.,	66 Hancock St.	1925	Castine Normal and B. U.



# Fac. Mgr. A. A.

Helen B. Miller	12 Wright St.	1926	Bridgewater Normal
Dorothy L. Alger	33½ North St.	1937	Moses Brown and B. U.
Jeanette M. Bailey	55 Central St.	1929	
Helen M. Barnes	31 Maple St.	1926	Boston Normal
Carmen T. Buono	30 Pomeworth St.	1937	Fitchburg Teachers College
Kenneth W. Davis	44 High St.	1927	Bowdoin College
Katherine A. Devlin	209 Hancock St.	1899	Salem Normal
Luella M. Dunning	34 Cottage St.	1935	Carroll College, B. U.
*Fannie Eastman	75 William St.	1924	Univ. of Vermont
Ruth G. Finn	1 Elm St.	1934	Univ. of N. H.
Harriet E. Fitzgerald	18 Oak St., Winchester	1932	Boston University
Eva M. Garland	13 Pomeworth St.	1905	Colby College
Howard R. Gordon	57 Wright St.	1928	Mass. Agric. College
Walter R. Herrick	15 Keene St.	1930	Gorham Normal
Everett L. Hoyt	71 Green St.	1926	Northeastern Univ.
Gertrude M. Johnson	33 Cedar Ave.	1929	Tufts College
Alice F. King	1 Elm St.	1931	Bridgewater Normal
Roger W. Lamson	74 Pleasant St.	1936	Syracuse Univ.
Mildred E. Leavitt	3 Capen St.	1932	Boston Univ.
Winston B. Lobdell	57 Central St.	1936	Keene Normal and B. U.
William G. Miller	35 Butler Ave.	1932	Holy Cross
Marian E. Pickering	85 Central St.	1921	Castine Normal, Univ. of Me.
Henry R. Reed	32 Maple St.	1930	Dartmouth and B. U.
Lvdia Risi	55 Central St.	1939	Tufts College
Alexandra S. Roberts	6 Mt. Vernon St.	1930	Truro Normal and B. U.
Genevieve A. Roberts	1 Elm St.	1931	Bridgewater Normal
Eleanor L. Smith	467 Main St.	1932	Salem Normal
Fannie M. Spinney	31 Pleasant St.	1929	Univ. of N. H.
Earle T. Thibodeau	8 Benton St.	1918	Tufts College
Thomas Flynn	123 Park St.	1917	
Patrick B. Landers	7 Washington St.	1927	

# List of Teachers and Other Employees

Name	Subject or Grade	Emerson School	Address	Date App.	Educated at
Alice M. Walsh	Grade I and Principal	200 Franklin St.		1901	Stoneham Training
Marjorie F. Markham	Grade II	35 Lincoln St.		1934	Framingham Normal
Bessie W. Baker	Grade III	12 Cedar Ave.		1928	Hyannis Normal
Rosemary	Grade IV	113 Park St.		1935	Plymouth Normal
**Mildred C. Jensen	Grade V	12 Cedar Ave.		1926	Salem Normal
Rachel H. Steele	Grade VI	40 Main St.		1916	Bridgewater Normal
Katherine B. MacCarron	Opportunity X	14 Collincoate St.		1927	Radcliffe
Priscilla G. Hinchcliffe	Opportunity Y	2 East St.		1911	Salem Normal
Ernest T. Sands	Janitor	7 Gould St.		1926	
East School					
Florence C. Ruggles	Grade I	20 Hawthorne St.	Roxbury	1935	Perry Kindergarten Normal
Gladys E. Tucker	Grade II	128 Salem St., Wakefield		1936	Lowell Normal
M. Ethel Chapman	Grade III and Principal	697 Westford St., Lowell		1925	Miss Rust's Kindg. Normal
Lydia H. Freitag	Grade IV	28 Pond St.		1925	Boston University
Alice E. Riggs	Grade V	19 Hersam St.		1928	Hyannis Normal
Eileen J. Tobin	Grade VI	20 Lindenwood Rd.		1930	Bridgewater Normal
Richard J. McCarthy	Janitor	16 Highland Ave.		1937	
North School					
*Gladys F. Lovejoy	Grade I	337 Main St.		1926	Hyannis Normal
Ruth J. Cannon	Grade I	3 Capen St.		1925	Farmington Normal
Marion W. Schreiber	Grade II	108 Marble St.		1936	Keene Normal
S. Evelyn Stewart	Grade III	43 West St.		1931	Farmington Normal
Florence H. Graham	Grades IV & V and Principal	20 Cedar Ave.		1910	Stoneham Training
Marion E. Desmond	Grades V and VI	78 Elm St.		1935	Boston University
William M. Peterson	Janitor	86 Central St.		1938	

## South School

Betty M. Foster	Grade I	335 Main St.	1929	Gorham Normal
Ruth Gerrish	Grade II	86 William St.	1933	Perry Kindergarten
Irene G. Bagley	Grade III	337 Main St.	1928	Worcester Normal
A. Dorothy Daley	Grade III	20 Lindenwood Rd.	1930	Bridgewater Normal
Eleanor H. Russell	Grade IV	335 Main St.	1929	Farmington Normal
Catherine E. Hubby	Grade V	18 Norval Ave.	1931	Westfield Normal
Effie L. Stone	Grades V and VI	19 Everett St.	1936	Gorham Normal
Janet F. Copland	Grade VI and Principal	6 Norwood St., Winch'ter	1914	Salem Normal
Howard P. Southwick	Janitor	94 Central St.	1937	

## Evening School

Elizabeth C. McDonald	Americanization	10 Hill St., Winchester
Lydia N. Bagdikian	Stenography	334 Main St., Wakefield
Anna M. Regish	Typewriting, Pen.	21 Myrtle St.
Milton W. Nutt	Bkbp., Type., Eng.	609 Main St., Wakefield
Joseph Geremonte	Social Law	321 Main St.

\*Left June, 1939

\*\*Left December, 1939

\*\*\*Contract Ended June 23, 1939

# Age and Grade Report, October 1, 1939 Stoneham, Mass.

Grade	Age																			21 20 or over Totals
	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	
1	48	51	6																	105
2		60	59	11	2															132
3			66	75	6	3														150
4			1	32	60	19	3													115
5				42	63	17	2	1												125
6					29	76	18		1											124
7					1	30	88	18	13	3	1									154
8							37	84	14	10	2									147
9							1	43	89	31	4									168
10								2	36	84	23	5	1							151
11									1	33	69	22	3	2						130
12										1	37	76	24	5	1	1				145
P. G.													3	4		1				8
Opp. Rms.					3	3	4	6	3	1	1									21
Total	48	111	132	118	113	118	130	152	151	155	163	136	106	32	7	1	2			1675

## Stoneham High School Graduation Exercises

Armory Hall, Stoneham, Mass., Friday, June 16th, 3.00 o'clock

### Program

Entrance of Graduates — "Honor Legion" ..... Vance

(At the request of many parents, the audience will remain seated as the graduates enter the hall.)

### Class Marshals

Shirley A. Buckler, Class of 1940

Howard M. Dean, Class of 1940

Graduation Hymn (the audience uniting) ..... Hemy-Walton

### 1

Faith of our fathers, living still  
In spite of dungeon, fire and sword,  
O how our hearts beat high with joy  
Whene'er we hear that glorious word!

### 2

Faith of our fathers, we will strive  
To win all nations unto thee;  
And through the truth that comes from God  
Mankind shall then indeed be free.

### 3

Faith of our fathers, we will love  
Both friend and foe in all our strife,  
And preach thee, too, as love knows how  
By kindly words and virtuous life.

### Refrain

Faith of our fathers, holy faith  
We will be true to thee till death.

### Prayer

Rev. Mark B. Strickland

First Congregational Church, Stoneham

### Speech of Welcome

John Mooradian, Class President

### Essay — "Progress for Posterity"

Beatrice E. Binner, Class of 1939

Selections from "Il Trovatore" ..... Verdi

Junior-Senior High School Orchestra

### Presentation of the MacDonald Medals

To William H. McLaughlin, Jr., Elsie L. Coombs,  
Grace C. Meister

Mr. Willam M. Nadeau

Vice Principal, Stoneham High School



The MacDonald Medals, in memory of James Wallace MacDonald, Principal of Stoneham High School from 1876-1892, are presented for scholarship, character and good influence in the school

#### Announcements of Other Honors and Awards

Washington-Franklin History Medal for Boys—Kenneth Sumner; donated by Massachusetts Society, S. A. R.

History Medal for Girls — Grace Meister; donated by Stoneham Woman's Club

Mathematics and Science Medal — Glen Banchard; donated by Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

Carrie S. Ireland Citizenship Award — Howard Gile; donated by American Legion Auxiliary

Special Prize in Fine Arts—Dean Strail; Departmental Award Award

James W. Hibbs Music Prize—Harvey Stone; donated by Stoneham Grange

Eliza Carruthers Lister Award in Art — Elizabeth Qualter; donated by Stoneham Grange

Prize for Excellence in Business Studies — Mary Kenney; donated by High School Commercial Club

College Scholarships — Vincent Keating and Janet McHale, Alternates: Dean Strail and Beatrice Binner; donated by Parent-Teacher Association

Special Scholarship Award — Elsie Coombs, Alternate: Dean Strail; donated by Stoneham Teachers' Club

Howard W. Watson  
Principal, Stoneham High School

"Morning" ..... Speaks

"God Bless America" ..... Berlin  
Senior Girls' Chorus

#### Award of Diplomas

Mr. Ralph R. Patch  
Chairman, Stoneham School Committee

"America"

Entire Assembly

Exit March — "Connecticut March" ..... Nassann  
Orchestra

#### GRADUATES

##### College Preparatory Course

Evelyn Loveday Babson

Rita M. Bouchard

\*Beatrice E. Binner

Edward Arnold Burgamaster Jr.

E. Betty Blaisdell

\*Lois E. Cameron

Glenn Elkins Blanchard

\*Margaret Mary Candage

Russell Carleton  
 \*Emma E. Caswell  
 Virginia Church Conant  
 Gordon N. Converse  
 J. Edward Daly  
 Charles S. Davies  
 Daniel Joseph Davis  
 Junior O. Downes  
 Lillian Marie Dunbar  
 C. Hugh Elers, Jr.  
 Mary Elizabeth Fallon  
 Norman P. Flanders  
 Louise Foisie  
 Monoog Egia Geragosian  
 Howard Lawrence Gile  
 Leonard O. Girard, Jr.  
 Anna M. Howes  
 Patricia Leone Humphrey  
 Richard Stone Joyce  
 John Robert Judge  
 Owen Vincent Keating, Jr.

\*Dorothy Bean Kinsley  
 Betty Lena  
 Barbara Cromwell Lent  
 James William McGah  
 \*Janet Arline McHale  
 \*William H. McLaughlin, Jr.  
 William A. Meagher  
 \*Grace Constance Meister  
 \*Barbara Carin Monson  
 Geraldine Mary O'Grady  
 Stanley E. Perry  
 William John Plummer  
 \*Elizabeth Mary Qualter  
 Natalie Barbara Ringland  
 Barbara Helen Rudd  
 Harvey James Stone  
 \*Dean Strail  
 Kenneth Dorr Sumner  
 John Robert Tole  
 James C. Tucker

#### General Course

Tony John Ascì  
 Carolyn Jennison Barker  
 Lillian E. Batchelder  
 Virginia Bates  
 Francis J. Burns  
 David George Callahan  
 Doris Chambers  
 Eunice Clark  
 Harold W. Cleveland, Jr.  
 Robert Raymond Cross  
 Douglas R. Davidson  
 Robert W. Dodge  
 Mary Doris Emanuel  
 Ernest John Farrell  
 Pauline R. Finnegan  
 William D. Fitzgerald  
 Louise G. Fitzgibbon  
 Arlene Walsh Harris  
 Mark D. Hill  
 Roger Fairfield Holden  
 James Lawrence Keating  
 Donald W. Kennett  
 Shirley Harriet Lane

Marjorie E. Leete  
 \*George A. Leonard, Jr.  
 Gerald Denis Mahoney  
 P. Beulah Martin  
 Gordon S. May  
 Eleanor Virginia MacLeod  
 Helen Margaret McLernon  
 Domnic Robert Messina  
 Richard Bardwell Miller  
 Attilio Joseph Minghella  
 Thomas Francis Minghella  
 John Mooradian  
 Ruth L. Morrison  
 William Lawrence O'Toole  
 Charles W. Parker, Jr.  
 †Charles Sargent Price  
 \*Lawrence John Sanchez  
 Joseph J. Savello  
 Douglas F. Surette  
 Earl Trites  
 Shirley E. Wainwright  
 Barbara Ruth Wright

### Practical Arts Course

Ralph C. Bruce	Douglas Leroy Knowlton
Winthrop R. Cutts, Jr.	Edward Lawrence McColgan
Harry J. Ferry	Michael Orgettass
†Richard Fitzgibbons	†Alfred J. Watkins

### Business College

George Allin	Phyllis Eleanor McKenna
Phyllis L. Amo	Ruth Elizabeth McLaughlin
Olive A. Boulter	Helen Louise Mosher
Virginia Evelyn Clausen	Annette Murphy
*Elsie L. Coombs	Marion E. Newcomb
Richard Del Rossi	Genevieve Ann O'Melia
Elinor Dirkman	Betty Wilder Potter
Gertrude Ann Ford	Edith E. Pinciario
Marguerite French	Thomas William Rees
*Margaret Mary Girard	Anne E. Sampson
Jean Holden	Virginia Terese Saunders
Pauline Frances Houghton	Mary A. Scurto
Barbara Howes	Lawrence C. Shanteler
*Mary Irene Kenney	*Virginia Elizabeth Smith
*Victoria Rosalie Koprek	*Olive E. Teakles
Norma Mae MacCrea	Gertrude Louise Todd
Barbara M. McDonough	Marjorie L. Werre
Dorothy McHale	Hazel P. Wiswell

### Post Graduate Course

George Bower	William Maguire
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\*Honor Group

†Diploma to be awarded upon completion of work in the Summer  
Class Colors — Blue and Gold  
Class Motto — "Tomorrow Calls"

### Absences of Teachers for Which They Were Paid Salary for the School Year 1938-39

(This does not include leaves of absence or other unpaid absence)  
On account of their own sickness or accident

Total days .....	237.5
Average days per teacher .....	3.4
On account of emergencies	
Total days .....	27.5
Average days per teacher .....	.4

## REPORT OF NORTH SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE

At a special town meeting held in the Armory Hall on Thursday evening, June 30, 1938 the following vote was passed:

"Voted: That for the purpose of acquiring land therefor and constructing and originally equipping and furnishing an Elementary School Building in co-operation with the Federal Government under the Work Relief and Public Works Appropriation Act of 1938 there be raised and appropriated the sum of \$92,000.00 and the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, be and hereby is authorized to borrow the sum of \$55,000.00 and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor under authority of and in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 50 of the Acts of 1938 and the Federal Act applicable thereto, said bonds or notes to be payable in not more than twenty years or at such term and maximum rate of interest as may be fixed by the Emergency Finance Board.

"All money received from the Federal Government on account of this project shall be applied to meet the cost of said land and school building or to the loan herein authorized, the amount to be borrowed to be reduced by the amount of the grant received and applied to the cost of the project.

"The Selectmen are hereby authorized to petition the Federal Government for a grant of money under the Work Relief and Public Works Appropriation Act of 1938 for the above purpose and to accept such grant. Yes—238, No. —3."

In accordance with the above vote the moderator appointed the following Committee: Almond H. Smith, Frederick P. Hanford, George L. Mirick, John E. O'Doherty, and Charles E. Varney. The committee held its first meeting on Saturday evening, July 8, 1938 and after organizing voted to employ the firm of Kilham, Hopkins & Greeley as architects.

A number of parcels of land as possible sites for the building were discussed. It was decided that the Committee should immediately start to look at all possible sites. After considerable study the Committee chose the lot on which the building is now located because of its favorable location and the fact that the owners, Miss Lois Rickey and Miss Emma Steele, were willing to sell the land at the assessed valuation.

After the plans for the new building had been approved by PWA authorities, the Committee advertised for bids in accordance with the rules and regulations of the government and on Tuesday evening, October 4, 1938 bids were opened and the contract was awarded to Grande & Volpe at a net of \$71,200.

This bid did not include the erecting of the fence and the grading of the parking area which was later approved by the Federal Government and added to Grande & Volpe's contract.

The building contains eight classrooms, a large playroom, toilets on each floor, a teachers' room, a health room, and a kitchen equipped with electric stove and hot and cold water. Corridors and stairwells are fireproof. The equipment is of the approved type, having movable chairs and desks for grades one, two and three and a movable type of desk and chair for grades four, five, and six. The heating and ventilation are excellent.

The entire cost of the land, building and equipment is approximately \$92,000.00, of which the Federal Government has paid approximately 45 per cent. The cost is divided approximately as follows:

Land .....	\$3,025.00
Equipment .....	4,225.00
Preliminary expenses including advertising and survey of land .....	213.00
General construction including such grading as was called for in the original plans, engineering fees, and supervision .....	84,537.00
Total .....	\$92,000.00

The Building Committee has applied for a WPA project to complete the necessary grading and drainage of the lot. Because of the fact that the project was not completed until the last of August, it was impossible to secure the approval of the Federal Government in time to have the work done before winter. It is the plan of the Committee to have this project taken up as early as possible in the spring and have it completed in the early summer.

Respectfully submitted,  
North School Building Committee  
ALMOND H. SMITH, Chairman  
CHARLES E. VARNEY, Secretary  
FREDERICK P. HANFORD  
GEORGE L. MIRICK  
JOHN E. O'DOHERTY



## REPORT OF BOARD OF HEALTH

To the Citizens of Stoneham :

The following is the annual report of the Board of Health for the year 1939.

Contagious diseases continue to decrease but we find there are a great many parents who do not report Whooping Cough to the Board of Health as required by law. As the records for the past few years show, Dog bites continue to be first on the list with Mumps in second place.

	1936	1937	1938	1939
Dogbites .....	37	64	39	52
Mumps .....	13	5	30	27
Scarlet Fever .....	7	3	18	19
Measles .....	13	31	16	2
Whooping Cough .....	9	36	2	7
Typhoid .....	0	2	0	0
Diphtheria .....	0	2	0	0
Tuberculosis .....	0	0	2	1

The Stevens St. Dump has had 2910 loads dumped on it this year and is fast filling up. Papers and tin cans constitute most of the filling. We wish at this time to thank Mr. Casey of the Public Works Dept. for his cooperation and help in assisting us to clean and clear up the front of the dump. If the citizens will cooperate and keep the papers separated as much as possible we will be better able to burn a lot of this type of filling.

There were 263 dogs inoculated at the Dog Clinic, 86 on June 28th 68 on June 30th and 109 on July 1st by Dr. Thibeault and the local staff.

86 Children of pre-school and school age were inoculated at the Diphtheria Clinic held in September and October.

We refer you to the Board of Health Nurse's report on the follow-up plans on Tuberculosis as worked out in conjunction with the Middlesex County Sanatorium.

Dr. Devlin was this year appointed Board of Health physician.

On July 1st, after 35 years of faithful service to the town, Mr. George A. Hinchcliffe was retired and Mr. Clarence E. Lent was appointed to fill the unexpired term.

During the past year the Board have held meetings twice a month in their office.

Stoneham Board of Health  
GORDON F. MAY  
CLARENCE E. LENT  
LAWRENCE E. DOUCETT

## Report of Milk Inspector

The following licenses have been issued for the year 1939:

Wagon Milk Licenses .....	30
Store Milk Licenses .....	42
Pasteurization Licenses .....	4
Oleomargarine Licenses .....	6
Frozen Dessert .....	2

Inspections made of our local dairies found them to be in first class condition.

The Milk Analyzing has been done by Lawrence E. Doucett throughout the year and the tests show the milk to be above standard requirements both as to cleanliness and nutrition.

GORDON F. MAY, Milk Inspector.

## Report of Health Nurse

### PAROCHIAL SCHOOL

Individual and Class Room inspection, frequently .....	
Children examined by school physician .....	425
Children examined for cleanliness, monthly .....	357
Children weighed and measured, quarterly .....	425
Children examined for vision .....	425
Children excluded from school .....	61
Children referred to family physician .....	80
First Aid Treatments .....	435

### Clinic Work

Tonsillectomies at New England Sanatorium .....	12
Children examined at North Reading .....	2
Children sent to Sharon Health Camp .....	5
Children immunized against Diphtheria .....	86
Children fitted to glasses .....	2
Assisted Dr. Thibeault inoculating dogs .....	261

### Home Work

Home visits .....	144
T. B. follow-up .....	46
Consultations .....	437

### Dental Clinic

Examinations .....	702
Patients .....	507
Operations .....	2603
Total Receipts .....	\$85.75

Respectfully submitted,

DORCAS M. AMES, R. N.

## Report of Dental Clinic

Number of patients .....	507
Number of amalgam fillings .....	1783
Number of cement fillings .....	210
Number of extractions .....	256
Number of prophylaxis .....	435
Number of completions .....	399
Number of refunds for gas .....	6
Number refusing treatment .....	54

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Total number of operations .....2603

There were 702 children examined in all schools including first four grades and reports sent home to parents in September.

Respectfully submitted,

PAUL R. CYPHERT, D. D. S.

## Report of Agent of Board of Health

To the Board of Health

Gentlemen: — I herewith submit my report for the year ending December 31, 1939:

### Contagious Diseases Reported

Chicken Pox .....	11
Dog Bite .....	52
Cat Bite .....	2
Monkey Bite .....	1
Epidemic Cerebro — Spinal Meningitis .....	1
Pneumonia, Lobar .....	4
German Measles .....	1
Measles .....	2
Mumps .....	27
Scarlet Fever .....	19
Septic Sore Throat .....	2
Tuberculosis, Pulmonary .....	1
Tuberculosis (not Pulmonary) .....	1
Whooping Cough .....	7
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Total .....	131

### Deaths Recorded

	Males	Females	Total
January .....	10	10	20
February .....	7	7	14
March .....	4	8	12
April .....	10	9	19
May .....	3	11	14

June .....	8	14	22
July .....	10	12	22
August .....	7	9	16
September .....	6	6	12
October .....	6	11	17
November .....	7	4	11
December .....	7	9	16
Totals .....	85	110	195
Burial permits issued .....			163
Permits for transportation of bodies .....			8
Removal permits issued .....			5
Deaths occurring elsewhere and recorded in Stoneham .....			32
Plumbing permits issued .....			106
Fees received for plumbing permits .....			\$145.00

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES A. OWEN, Agent.

## Report of Plumbing Inspector

To the Board of Health of Stoneham :

Gentlemen :

I herewith submit my report for the year ending December 31, 1939:

Permits granted .....	106
Number of fixtures installed .....	541
Divided as follows:	
Bath tubs .....	78
Closets .....	101
Lavatories .....	111
Sinks .....	71
Sink and Tray Combinations .....	30
Two-Part Trays .....	44
Boilers .....	41
Tankless Heaters .....	18
Bath Showers .....	36
Stall Showers .....	4
Urinals .....	3
Drinking Fountains .....	4

294 inspections have been made in connection with the above.

Respectfully submitted,

DAVID MARTIN,

Inspector of Plumbing.

## BIRTHS

Date	Name
Jan.	
1	David Charles Sumner
2	Paul Edward Doherty
6	Richard Harris Curtis
6	Paul Gerard Austin
8	Malcolm Eliot Low
9	Thomas Jeffrey Cremen
9	Russell David Bruce
9	Robert Crockert Murray
9	Harold Robert Gray
13	Jean Marie Lamb
13	Michael Ficara
14	Melvin Wayne Macbeth
15	Barry Edward Bruce
15	Filomena Lucia Marini
15	Nancy Evelyn Skidmore
16	Raymond Craig Langill
16	Rosalie Ann Tkachuk
16	Shirley Elaine Tyler
18	James Stuart White
20	Emily Frances Poste
21	David Hubert Gray
22	Wayne Clifford Velten
23	Hill
25	Joseph Raymond Veno
26	Linwood Julius Nelson
27	Carol Ann Burns
27	Rose Marie Salmon
28	Marilyn Ann Whitney
28	Jacqueline Marie Christie

## Parents

John E. and Rose M.  
 Edward I. and Eva M.  
 George E. and Harriet M.  
 Christopher E. and Teresa M.  
 George M. and Wilhelmina F.  
 Thomas W. and Doris F.  
 Wilbur L. and Eva C.  
 Donald M. and Natalie O.  
 James F. and Evelyn M.  
 James H. and Annie E.  
 Samuel and Salvatrice M.  
 James W. and Lillian G.  
 George F. and Margaret F.  
 Gerardo and Jennie  
 Earl F. and Doris E.  
 Samuel R. and Florence M.  
 Vasilli and Lucinda E.  
 Wilfred M. and Gladys M.  
 James S. and Dorothy F.  
 Joseph F. and Emily M.  
 Kenneth B. and Gwendolin E.  
 Clifford A. and Alice E.  
 Charles W. Jr. and Marjorie J.  
 Joseph R. and Mildred F.  
 Ralph B. and Rachel E.  
 Arthur E. Jr. and Mildred F.  
 William and Veronica M.  
 George C. and Frances M.  
 Earl N. and Dorothy F.

Stoneham  
 Medford  
 Reading  
 Malden  
 Medford  
 Stoneham  
 Stoneham  
 Wakefield  
 Everett  
 Stoneham  
 Peabody  
 Stoneham  
 Wakefield  
 Malden  
 Medford  
 Stoneham  
 Lancaster  
 Stoneham  
 Stoneham  
 Everett  
 Framingham  
 Stoneham  
 Melrose  
 Melrose  
 Stoneham  
 No. Reading  
 Everett  
 Stoneham  
 Stoneham



# BIRTHS

Date	Name	Residence	Parents
30	Judith Edith Barnstead	Stoneham	George R. and Nance B.
30	Hilda Victoria Langille	Cambridge	Mark R. and Eva M.
30	John Graham	Stoneham	John J. and Mary A.
30	Joseph Graham	Stoneham	John J. and Mary A.
30	Odilia Carmela Tramontozzi	Malden	Robert and Concetta
31	Robert Edmund Bohannon	Melrose	Edmund W. and Louise M.
<b>Feb.</b>			
2	Janet D'Angelo	Malden	John E. and Florence G.
5	John Joseph Drinkwater	Wakefield	Patrick and Anna A.
6	James Thomas Duff	Stoneham	Albert J. and Mary J.
7	Francis Michael Torra	Boston	Francis W. and Catherine F.
8	Margaret Louise DeMartino	Stoneham	Pasquale A. and Margaret J.
11	Donald Charles Manuel	Medford	Chester T. and Edith B.
12	Barbara Ann Haynes	Malden	Harold and Esther A.
14	John Anthony Del Rossi	Wakefield	Algio J. and Marie J. C.
14	Gerald Doonan	Malden	William C. and Marie C.
14	Margaret Helen McDermott	Stoneham	James J. and Mary E.
15	Francis Lawrence Brandt	Saugus	Francis L. Jr. and Evelyn L.
15	George Howard Poore	Wakefield	Howard S. and Mary P.
17	Marilyn Jane Chambers	Stoneham	Francis E. and Reta M.
19	John Murray Flynn	Stoneham	John E. and Dorothy M.
22	Kitty Elwell Lisk	Stoneham	Harold L. and Edith G.
22	Phyllis Sturtevant	Stoneham	George R. and Lois C.
23	Janice Edith Powers	Stoneham	Thomas F. and Ethel M.
23	Marion Alberta Ginivan	Stoneham	William J. and Thelma V.
24	Philomena Tamburrini	Stoneham	Crescenzo and Angelina
24	Mary Tamburrini	Stoneham	Crescenzo and Angelina
24	Roberta Spencer	Lexington	Robert T. and Regina A.
27	Loretta Jeanne Roach	Stoneham	John E. and Ethel C.
27	Arthur Elmer Cornell	Plaistow, N. H.	Elmer A. and Annie C.
27	Deborah Lee Kopystecka	Wakefield	Jan B. and Alice M.

# Mar.

6	Eleanor Meuse	Stoneham
9	Charles Russell Wilson	Malden
9	Alexander MacLean Fraser	Stoneham
12	Marie Jane Murphy	Stoneham
12	James Robert Hurton	Wakefield
13	Richard Gleason Kinder	Wakefield
13	Robert Lewis Mele	Malden
13	Anne Jenkins	Stoneham
14	Mary Rafferty	Stoneham
15	Patricia Marie Savard	Stoneham
16	Brenda Carole Pearlswig	Malden
16	Martha Gertrude Herbert	Everett
19	Anita Josephine Mauceri	Stoneham
19	Frederck Joseph Connelly	Stoneham
19	Alan Cangiamila	Stoneham
22	Robert Dante Rotondi	Malden
25	Robert Ellis Brackett	Everett
28	William Wallace Crocker	Stoneham
29	Wayne Beckwith Bingham, Jr.	Stoneham
30	John Francis Doherty, Jr.	Malden
30	Madeline Naomi Holman	Stoneham

# Apr.

1	Frank George White	Wilmington
1	Dorisanne Louise Thomas	Stoneham
2	Therese June Robarge	Malden
4	Richard Thomas	Stoneham
4	Kenneth Robert Byrne	Saugus
4	Elizabeth Anne Sullivan	Stoneham
4		
5	June Elizabeth Castine	Stoneham
6	Charles Frederick Derby	Melrose
6	Ruth Elizabeth Smith	Stoneham

Ernest W. and Mildred A.
Robert and Carol D.
Joseph H. and Elizabeth S.
John J. and Helen M.
James L. and Mary L.
Roland H. and Dorothy E.
Lewis J. and Mildred E.
Ralph A. Jr. and Nancy
James F. and Lillian M.
George N. and Irene K.
Myrton M. and Maude M. M.
Millard A. and Barbara M.
Salvatore J. and Rose V.
Joseph J. and Irma E.
Angelo and Beverly
Merle C. and Doris M.
Ellison K. and Ethel L.
Albert R. and Beatrice M.
Wayne B. and Beatrice P.
John F. and Mary A.
Charles H. and Mary E.
Frank W. and Mary A.
Leonard W. and Alice L.
Joseph E. and Albina M.
Forrest A. and Marie
Albert B. and Thelma H.
John J. and Miriam E.
Kenneth J. and Sarah B.
Charles A. and Marjorie F.
Francis L. M. and Ruth E.

## BIRTHS

### Residence

Date	Name	Parents
6	Joyce Dorothy Weintraub	Lewis P. and Edith
7	Robert Arthur Karras	Morris and Lea
8	Phoebe Glynn	Herbert A. and Mildred
10	Sarah Anne Hooper	Raymond D. and Martha L.
11	Justine Mary McCormack	Harold M. and Margaret E.
12	Warren Francis Hupper	Clifford H. and Kathleen R.
14	Madeline Frances Barrette	David J. and Madeline F.
15	Robert Earl Kenson	Earl A. and Ruth E.
15	Susan Barbara Johnston	Lawrence S. and Eleanor
15	Joanne Carol Blaisdell	Bennett N. and Edna G.
18	Lucia Wyeth Cunningham	Cyrus T. and Doris L.
19	Kathryn Ann Kelliher	Daniel F. and Marian L.
19	Marie Devir Bermingham	John E. and Marie R.
20	Thomas Edward Curley	Thomas E. and Ruth L.
23	Shirley Ann Bordonaro	Angelo and Anna
24	Lawrence Nicholas Palumbo	Frank and Angelina M.
24	Robert Louis Nutile	Louis L. and Mary E.
25	Josephine Martha Turilli	Ferdinando and Delphina
26	Winifred Dorothy McCarthy	William J. and Winifred D.
28	McLeod	Frederick A. and Beverly C.
28	John Martin Messina	Nicholas J. and Evelyn F.
30	May	
1	Sveistys	Joseph and Constance
4	Paul Victor Nelson	Harold V. and Agnes S.
7	Chiuchiolo	Domenic and Margaret
8		
8	Florence Grace McPhee	Elmer W. and Grace M.
9	Margaret Ann McShane	Francis L. and Florence E.
9	Arline Rita Rosenblatt	Max and Mollie
10		

10	David Dorr Cobleigh	Melrose	Richard F. and Dorothy E.
10	John Garofalo	Everett	John and Phyllis G.
12	Valentino Richard Mattogno	Wakefield	Valentino and Mary
14	Robert Jeffrey West	Melrose	Albert T. and Mabel L.
14	Joyce Sylvia Comley	Stoneham	Joseph H. and Ethel V.
15	Ronald Alvin Ladeau	Stoneham	Gerald A. and Bertha
15	James Clarence Cameron Jr.	Revere	James C. and Josephine F.
15	Vincent Arthur Celino	Medford	Vincenzo and Florence M.
17	Allen Russ Maxwell	Reading	Stanley F. and Dorothy A.
20	Rita Giovino	Melrose	James F. and Lillian G.
20	Frederick Louis Forni	Saugus	Fred and Mildred I.
22	Judith Ann French	Stoneham	Mark and Maude E.
22	Patricia Wilma Woods	Stoneham	Harry C. and Wilma M.
23	Dianne King	Stoneham	John J. and Lena
23	Judith Ann Martin	Stoneham	William C. and Marjorie G.
24	Ruth Cylda Beyeler	Stoneham	Walter and Elizabeth M.
24		Malden	Wiser V. and Margaret
24		Stoneham	Stephen and Ruth M.
25	Carole Emma Haseltine	Malden	Henry W. and Evelyn
26	Janis Ilene Worms Wells	Malden	Alfred W. and Dorothy
27	Frank Wesley McFarland	Stoneham	John and Helen
29	Robert Francis Lilley		
June			
1	Robert Anthony Richards	Malden	Louis M. and Concetta
2	Elizabeth Ann Halpin	Malden	Thomas M. and Marion E.
3	Joyce Ethel Bean	Stoneham	Malcom R. and Lillian V.
5	Allen Ernest Hudson	Woburn	Ernest F. and Edna E.
6	Albert Frederick Brack, Jr.	Stoneham	Albert F. and Cora F.
6	Muriel Carol Robinson	Stoneham	Claude A. and Marjorie M.
7	Arlene Sanborn	Reading	Edwin N. and Sylvia
8	Raymond Joseph Cronin	Malden	Francis R. and Ruth E.
8	Richard Alan Avery	Stoneham	Albert H. and Marguerite C.
9	Joanne Marie Brady	Stoneham	Daniel J. and Dorothy E.
12	Robert Anthony Sylvester	Cambridge	Percy A. and Helen J.
12	John Kenneth Moran	Malden	Kenneth and Barbara

## BIRTHS

Residence		Parents	
Date	Name		
13	Robert Anthony Bruno	James M. and Rose M.	Winchester
13	Dianne Myrtle Smith	Raymond L. and Myrtle A.	Stoneham
13	Phyllis Roberta Moore	Albert F. and Phileomene	Stoneham
14	Roy Thomas MacDonald	Angus F. and Matilda E.	Everett
15	Leona Deady	Edward J. and Mary G.	Malden
15	Carol Ann Evangelista	Michael F. and Mafalda	Everett
16	David Joseph Stinson	Joseph and Dorothy M.	Stoneham
16	Paul Alfred Bears	Murdock B. and Anna B.	Stoneham
17	Patricia Ellen Gray	Howard A. and Grace E.	Stoneham
17	Eleanor Thressa O'Brien	Alfred J. and Catherine	Malden
18	Judith McLaughlin	Frank B. and Dorris M.	Melrose
21	John William Devney	John and Nona	Wakefield
22	Dorothy Yvonne Osborne	Bennison and Dorothy M.	Clinton
22	Arlene Sheila Szathmary	Leonard and Mildred	Malden
26	Nancy Diane Ricci	Arthur and Irene D.	Malden
27	Janet Marion Moberger	Arvid F. and Marion W.	Melrose
28	Gilbert Hinton Maghakian	Simon and Adelaide V.	Stoneham
28	Charles Frederick Johnson, Jr.	Charles F. and Helen F.	Stoneham
20	Mary Ellen McCarthy	Daniel J. and Mary M.	Melrose
July			
1	Joan Audrey Kretchmar	Osmond C. and Geneva G.	Malden
2	Peter Gardner Stebbings	Everett G. and Annie D.	Melrose
3	Joan Breslin	Arthur J. and Marguerite H.	Malden
3	Vincent Quattrocchi, Jr.	Vincent G. and Concetta L.	Arlington
4	Sarah Edwina Greene	Harry C. and Margaret F.	Stoneham
5	Robert Lester Whitney	Kingdon W. and Luella A.	Stoneham
6	Beverly Ann Knight	John L. and Florence E.	Stoneham
6	Lorraine Paulina Renda	Paul and Ida	Malden
8	Charles Louis Bean, Jr.	Charles L. and Ruth E.	Stoneham
9	Freda Elizabeth Shepherd	Alan D. and Mildred R.	Stoneham
10	David Eric Wood	Richard M. and Mary L.	Stoneham



11	Nicholas John DeNitto	Malden	Dominic J. and Josephine C.
13	Edith Adams Haywood	Melrose	Edward W. and Clara M.
13			
13	Michael Carmen Minghella	Stoneham	Francisco and Marie C.
15	Priscilla Flaberty	Boston	Joseph M. and Rita J.
15	Ressie Elizabeth Cookson	Melrose	Leroy B. and Carolyn A.
17	Mary DelGrecco	Stoneham	Michael and Rosa
17	Shirley Rita Samson	Everett	Charles M. and Laura M.
20	Anthony Gigante	Stoneham	John and Scolastica
22			
22	Herbert Jay Brock III	Stoneham	Herbert J. and Margaret M.
24	Margaret Grace Earson	Melrose	Charles D. and Natalie H.
24	Marilyn Petto	Stoneham	Albert and Mary E.
25	Conant	Stoneham	William and Arylene
25	Nancy Irene Rouillard	Stoneham	Herbert and Elizabeth I.
27	Harold Chester Lindquist	Stoneham	Harold C. and Ethelyn M.
28	Charles Paul Driscoll	Medford	Charles P. and Helen C.
30			
30	Neil LeRoy Buckley	Malden	Cornelius H. and Eleanor M.
31	Rebecca Coots	Stoneham	John and Barbara R.
	<b>Aug.</b>		
2	Gail Jean Philpot	Melrose	Lincoln C. and Annie F.
3	Wayne Alan Sanborn	Reading	James R. and Winifred A.
4	Marilyn Munro Goodwin	Malden	George D. and Carrie A.
4	Orville Dorr Wright, Jr.	Agawam	Orville D. and Helen M.
4	Joan Barbara Rotondi	Stoneham	Charles J. and Isabella E.
5	Charles Edward Idelson	Stoneham	Sydney S. and Frances V.
5	James Edgar Conley	Malden	Charles A. and Verna M.
5	Ronald Nicholas Roberto	Wakefield	James and Marie C.
5	Brenda Thayer Waring	Malden	Gordon T. and Bertha I.
5	Salvatore Robert Russo	Somerville	Horace and Marianna
6	Ralph Edwin Gardner	Medford	Frederick E. and Cynthia M.
6	Concetta Messina	Stoneham	Vincent and Ann R.
6	Ruth Louise Stone	Stoneham	Raymond L. and Hazel M.

## BIRTHS

### Residence

Date	Name	Parents
7	Barry Carl Jensen	Carl E. and Dorothy F.
7	Joan Margaret Kelly	John J. and Linda J.
8	Charles Edward Mahar	William A. and Gladys M.
8	Richard Benny Catoia	Costanzi and Angiolina
8	Ellen Elizabeth Moe	Orin and Grace E.
9	Charles Arthur Barnes	Mellen B. and Marion F.
10	Ellen Ruth Watts	Louis H. and Ellen C.
10	Henry Grainger Scholl	Henry U. and Margaret J.
11	James Joseph Donovan	James J. and Helen C.
11		
11	James Leonard Campbell	James C. and Ethel M.
12	John Daniel Healy	James A. and Elizabeth A.
13	Myrtle Diane Seaman	Charles D. and Elsie
13	Elizabeth Ann Rafferty	William E. and Helen M.
15	Pauline Theresa Cronin	Albert E. and Mary A.
15	Helen Louise Johnson	James F. and Mary V.
17	Florence Ann Laycock	Philip N. and Beatrice P.
19		
21	Thomas Eugene Boyle	Michael J. and Florence
21	James Maynes Reid	James M. and Josephine M.
21	Elaine Mae Sorensen	Thomas and Thelma V.
25	James David MacKenzie	Harold S. and Florence H.
26	Peter Vincent Surette	Emile F. and Edna T.
29	Barbara Lee Duffy	Henry J. and Dorothy M.
29	Daniel Wallace Hughes	Philip J. and Dorothy
31	Anna Ruth Lawson	John N. and Agnes
Sept.		
1	Gail Frances Dobbins	Richard J. and Henrietta F.
1	Melvin Allan Geller	Samuel L. and Helen E.
2	George Winchester Playdon, Jr.	George W. and Margaret E.
2	David Francis Donovan	John J. and Winnifred O.

3	Frank Albert Spaulding, Jr.	Stoneham	Frank A. and Florence
3	Robert Thomas Connell	Stoneham	Thomas J. and Mary B.
4	William Michael McNulty	Stoneham	William M. and Helen L.
4	John Joseph Venuti, Jr.	Arlington	John J. and Elsie A.
5	Maxwell Thomas Joyce	Billerica	Thomas H. M. and Johnenia
5	Maureen Kelly	Stoneham	John N. and Margaret M.
5	Thomas Joseph Conway	Malden	Michael J. and Bridget
6	Norman Anthony Meuse	Wakefield	Leonard F. and Mary L.
6	Douglas Lee Evans	Framingham	Archie C. and Katharine V.
8	Peter Slocomb Smith	Malden	Paul C. and Ruth
9	Ronald George Dunbar	Medford	George M. and Anna M.
9	Judith Sara Sheridan	Melrose	George J. and Helen M.
9	Ella Maureen Foley	Stoneham	Daniel J. and Ella A.
10	Diane Elaine Avery	No. Reading	Walter H. and Priscilla E.
11	Paul David White	Wakefield	William and Marjorie E.
12	Arthur Ernest Hovey III	Stoneham	Arthur E. Jr. and Beulah M.
12	Leland Carmine Mauro	Southboro	Charles and Florence E.
12	Thomas Edward Boyle	Stoneham	James F. Jr. and Caroline P.
13	Ronald Edward Proctor	Stoneham	Philip H. and Mildred P.
15	Steven Edwin Wardwell	No. Reading	Arthur E. Jr. and Avis L.
17	Donald Everett Tiney	Attleboro	John H. 3rd. and Marianne A.
18	James Francis Barney, Jr.	Stoneham	James F. and Edith A.
18	Estelle Mary Devlin	Stoneham	John M. and Estelle M.
20	Lois Jane LeFave	Malden	Charles E. and Amelia L.
20	David Alan Toperzer	Stoneham	Frank M. and Pauline A.
21	Charles William Mundo	Malden	Albert J. and Selina M.
23	Sandra Lorraine Loeser	Malden	George H. and Rose E.
23	Barbara Frances Brewer	Stoneham	Charles A. and Genevieve
24	Dawna Mae Poole	Malden	Albert C. and Laura E.
24	Sheldon Arthur Gilman	Malden	Jacob and Bessie
24	Patricia Louise Anderson	Somerville	Walter and Doliena
25	David Leslie Clough	Boston	William R., Jr. and Margaret C.
25	John Kevin Donovan	Stoneham	John J. and Elizabeth L.
26	Jean McCarthy	Stoneham	Francis D. and Helen

# BIRTHS

## Residence

## Parents

Date	Name	Residence	Parents
27	Robert Paul McDonough	Stoneham	William F. and Mary M.
29	Kathleen Evelyn Stone	Melrose	David J. and Marjorie E.
30	Barbara Louise Kinnie	No. Reading	Daniel G. and Ruth W.
Oct.			
2	Janet Marilyn Gardner	Stoneham	Kenneth W. and Florence
3	John Francis Wilk	Malden	Frank J. and Laura M.
4	Carl Fredrick O'Brien	Reading	Calvin O. and Winifred P.
5	Carol Ann MacDonald	Stoneham	James T. and Barbara
5	Kevin James Kelley	Malden	John E. and Marion E.
5	John Clarence Nelson Jr.	Stoneham	John C. and Louise
5	Francis William Cataldo	Malden	Frank A. and Lucy
6	Carl Edward Knight	Stoneham	Clarence E. and Lois L.
7	Audrey Margaret Doonan	Malden	Joseph F. and Margaret F.
7	John Francis Breen	Malden	Joseph C. Jr. and Alice C.
8	Linda Louise Godshalk	Swampscott	Lloyd P. and Nellie A.
8	James Malcolm Lilley	Malden	Gilbert J. and Mary L.
9	Concettina Guglielma Castronovo	Lynn	Luigi and Guglielmina M.
11	James Mathias McGlory II	Stoneham	James M. and Shirley F.
11	Robert Joseph Pawl	Boston	John and Alice S.
11	John Louis Shanteler	Stoneham	George A. and Eva B.
12	Jane Wright Fowler	Reading	Herbert A. and Gertrude A.
13	Sandra Lee Burr	Stoneham	Robert L. and Frances B.
14	Judith Ann MacNeil	Stoneham	George E. Jr., and Helen M.
16	Nancy Marie Atkinson	Malden	Warren and Ethel B.
17	Gail Ann Worden	Stoneham	Irving A. and Frances J.
17	David Lee Quinn	Wakefield	Peter A. and Elsie E.
17	Robert Leslie Ducker	Reading	George A. and Elizabeth A.
20	Lois Gretchen Gant	Arlington	Julian C. and Anita L.
23	Ronald Amos Record	Reading	Amos J. and Antonia
23	Earl Lewis Cohen	Lynn	John M. and Ethel G.
23	Joseph Ralph Gallella	Stoneham	Ralph E. and Edith L.

26	David Marshall Walsh	Saugus	Marshall and Elizabeth
28	Ann Marie Rafferty	Stoneham	Francis E. and Helen M.
29	Ruth Laura Wood	Stoneham	Stanley D. and Evelyn T.
30	George Weldon Russell	Malden	Edmond McK. and Gertrude M.
<b>Nov.</b>			
2	Frazer Richard Green	Stoneham	Harry F. and Henrietta J.
2	Edward Ernest Johnson	Stoneham	Ernest E. and Mary A.
5	John Edgar Melanson	Stoneham	John H. and Virginia E.
5	Cynthia Jeanne Cummings	Stoneham	Ralph N. and Priscilla
7	Steven Laurence Shopnick	Malden	Julius L. and Florence B.
8	Philip Malcolm Davis	Stoneham	Norman P. and Mildred F.
8	George Ray Larson	Reading	Elmer J. and Gladys M.
10	Barbara Ann Myott	Boston	Leo M. and Lillius M.
11	Cynthia Ann Graham	Wakefield	Robert H. and Mildred M.
12	Nancy Marie Baker	Somerville	Francis E. and Mary A.
12	Nellie Lorraine Blauvelt	Medford	Walter E. and Inez L.
15	Anita Marie Lachance	Medford	Aurelien C. and Alice F.
15	Richard Paul Leavitt	Melrose	Linwood P. and Barbara A.
15	Robert Francis Nastasi	Stoneham	Russell and Elizabeth P.
19	Judith Ann Roberts	Stoneham	William A. and Elizabeth C.
20	Lawrence Peter Leavitt	Wilmington	Robert and Louise D.
23	Joyce Verlie Kneller	Stoneham	Otto P. and Gladys V.
24	Francis Arthur Keenan, Jr.	Melrose	Francis A. and Esther M.
24	Norma Louise Beers	Arlington	Lloyd N. and Constance K.
25	Griffin	Melrose	Charles T. and Catherine G.
25	Robert Irving Howe	Stoneham	Frank D. and Mildred I.
27	Edward Emory Haradon 3rd	Stoneham	Edward E. Jr. and Ella E
29	Angelo Fiondo	Stoneham	Antonio and Amalia

# Dec.

1	Sandra Anne Williams	Melrose	Merton D. Jr. and Elizabeth C.
2	Judith Kathryn Martin	Stoneham	William G. and Kathryn A.
4	George Edward Burke	Stoneham	Francis E. and Alwilda M.



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Date	Name	Residence	Parents
4	Bruce Parker Johnson	Boston	Parker W. and Frieda G.
5	Nicholas Ralph Agneta, Jr.	Everett	Nicholas R. and Carmela M.
6	Frederick Charles Turner	Stoneham	William F. and Gertrude E.
6	Bonnie Louise Wood	Lancaster	Clarence H. and Orpah E.
7	Richard Arthur Sabin	Stoneham	Harry and Althea
7	Richard Reardon	Medford	Jeremiah and Elsie M.
7	Marie Antoinette Nazzaro	Malden	Anthony and Jeanne F.
7	Albert Folsom Johnson	Stoneham	Rollin E. and Barbara W.
8	Barbara Eleanor Foley	Medford	Edward L. and Fannie E.
9	Linda Joanne Pizer	Malden	Abraham R. and Kate
9	Georgann Judith Bradish	Everett	Walter M. and Ora C. L.
10	Mary Frances Murphy	Stoneham	Bernard F. and Marion F.
11	Nancy Virginia Canty	Wakefield	John J. and Beatrice V.
12	Joan Arlene Whittaker	Stoneham	Thomas and Alice
16	Theron McDowell Hatch III	Melrose	Theron McD. and Mabel G.
16	Ronald Nat Pedonti	Medford	Dominic E. and Emma
17	Barbara Carole Stuffle	Medford	Arnold D. and Elinor
18	Deborah Thibadeau	Newburyport	Charles R. and Gladys E.
18	Carol Joy Doughty	Melrose	Ronald C. and Dorothy A.
19	David Miller Donahue	Medford	Edward W. and Pearl F.
20	Caroljean Kingsley Brown	Melrose	Ralph H. K. and Jean L.
21	David MacKenzie Villemain	Stoneham	Chester L. and Alvilda M.
22	William Harold Mahoney	Stoneham	James F. and Lulu A.
22	Betty Dona Lee Whitney	Stoneham	George C. and Frances M.
23	Bruce Ervin Durning	No. Reading	Chester P. and Beatrice M.
25	Joyce Carolyn Vining	Stoneham	John C. and Kathryn V.
25	Mary Grace Hamill	Stoneham	Hugh and Gertrude F.
27	Carolyn Noel Sharp	Stoneham	Benjamin and Marian
27	Richard Anthony Quinno	Burlington	George H. and Avis M.
28	Martha Catherine White	Woburn	John and Frances M.
28		Boston	Raymond D. and Martha S.

29 John Timothy Coleman  
30 Jacqueline Frances Corkum

Malden  
Medford

Cornelius and Margaret M.  
John W. and Hazel F.

Residents	159
Non-residents	216
Total	<u>£75</u>

## DEATHS

Date	Name	Residence	Ys.	Ms.	Ds.
<b>Jan.</b>					
1	Harold Lester Paige	Stoneham	60	1	29
1			—	—	—
2	Adelaide Smith Fogg	Stoneham	78	9	19
3	Duncan Martin Stewart	Stoneham	59	9	28
5	Clifton E. McCaleb	Stoneham	45	—	—
6	Mary Hanscom	Stoneham	75	1	29
9	Doris Frances Cremen	Stoneham	22	3	30
10	Donald Earl Warren	Stoneham	1	2	12
11	Mary McDonald	Stoneham	82	—	—
12	William Daniel McGuire	Stoneham	87	—	—
16	Clarence M. Sanborn	Stoneham	66	6	20
17	Ralph T. Sullivan	Stoneham	5	2	26
17	Joseph Warren Youngman	Arlington	72	10	4
17	Harriet Marston Nutter	Malden	73	6	9
18	Lucie Farrar Wood	Stoneham	93	1	9
20	Mabel Sophia Reed	Winchester	66	1	14
20	Elizabeth Ann Hinchcliffe	Stoneham	83	4	19
22	Susan Madeline Souther	Stoneham	48	11	24
23	Harry Walter Delano	Stoneham	50	8	9
25	Michael P. Doherty	Stoneham	63	7	24
25	Mary Ann Hurld	Stoneham	75	—	—
27	Ida G. Jenkins	Stoneham	75	7	13
27	Walter Jefferson McIntire	Stoneham	80	8	8
28	David Forrest	Melrose	—	3	8
29	Thomas William Winton	Stoneham	70	2	25
30	Joseph Graham	Stoneham	—	—	1
31	John Graham	Stoneham	—	—	1
<b>Feb.</b>					
1	Frances Frost Curtis	Stoneham	73	—	2
2	Benjamin Randall Crocker	Medford	54	4	—
2	Shirley Elaine Tyler	Stoneham	—	—	17
5	Stella E. Binner	Stoneham	76	1	1
7	Rodman Francis Davis	Stoneham	94	8	22
12	Mary Ella Dutton	Stoneham	84	9	8
14	Hannah Alice Sumner	Stoneham	86	3	5
15	Laura Jane Spates	Stoneham	78	4	13
19	George Halpin Cogan	Stoneham	56	1	7
27	Celestia Emma Langill	Stoneham	66	2	4
<b>Mar.</b>					
1	Abi Frances Cable	Stoneham	82	11	29
2	Spurden Reid Lutz	Stoneham	74	1	4
3	Charles March White	Stoneham	66	1	18
7	Frank M. Smith	Portland	60	2	14
13	Carrie Florence Harner	Stoneham	71	2	25
16	Edith Christina Haskin	Malden	35	6	23
17	Charles E. Burt	Stoneham	94	—	—
22	Ada Eleanor Thomson	Malden	72	1	5
24	Harriet Celeste Farrington	Stoneham	73	8	—
25	Harriet Blake Smith	Stoneham	78	4	10
30	Elizabeth G. McGowen	Stoneham	62	—	—
30	Stella F. Gardner	Stoneham	34	4	2
30	Daniel Sweet	Stoneham	86	—	—

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Date	Name	Residence	Ys.	Ms.	Ds.
<b>Apr.</b>					
4			—	—	—
6	Dorisanne Louise Thomas	Stoneham	—	—	5
6	Nellie Burton Allen	Stoneham	78	—	—
7	Ruby Louise Cherry	Stoneham	52	9	3
8	Helena Maria Nelson	Lynn	64	8	12
10	Mabel Shuah Lennan	Melrose	80	10	9
10	Charles Lincoln Walker	Stoneham	73	11	23
10	Ellsworth Edson Munro	Arlington	71	9	14
10	Fred Whitten Best	Stoneham	66	8	17
11	Sarah Emily Pecker	Stoneham	56	—	19
11	Daniel William Munroe	Everett	66	3	25
12	Annie Marie Deferrari	Stoneham	56	1	24
15	Mary Teresa Leving	Melrose	39	—	3
18	John Henry Leslie	Stoneham	76	8	1
19			—	—	—
21	Amasa Albert Holden	Stoneham	91	11	22
22	Annie Isabelle Oliver	Stoneham	92	—	12
23	Harold Ames Williams	Stoneham	44	—	23
27	Anthony Rotondi	Stoneham	—	8	3
30	Mary A. Adams	Stoneham	75	—	—
30	William Francis Hunt	Stoneham	67	8	10
<b>May</b>					
1	Ida Rebecca Evans	Everett	67	5	3
6	Bridget E. Hunter	Stoneham	80	1	26
7			—	—	—
8			—	—	—
10	John Garofalo	Everett	—	—	1
11	George H. Peterson	Stoneham	75	—	—
15	Lona Etta Hultgren	Stoneham	42	5	8
19	Jeannette C. Sheehan	New York	52	11	18
21	Ora Belle Carter	Stoneham	62	11	12
23	Ellen Frances White	Stoneham	69	2	11
24	Anna Jones Swett	Reading	83	5	20
25	Emily Ann Carr	Stoneham	73	2	6
25	Jennie Somerby	Wnchester	60	—	—
<b>June</b>					
4	Mary Ann Boyle	Stoneham	83	—	9
7	Mary Vitris Marashka	Woburn	55	—	—
8	Michael Giardullo	Stoneham	67	—	—
9	Elizabeth Ellen Rayner	Bristol, Conn.	59	—	—
9	Adoniram J. Alden	Stoneham	94	—	—
10	Frederick Henry Fields	Stoneham	72	1	24
12	Edwina R. Richardson	Stoneham	78	—	26
13	Philomene Moore	Stoneham	21	7	23
14	Rena Alice Weeman	Stoneham	70	7	9
15	Evangeline Walker	Stoneham	86	5	11
17	Emma Frances Scott	Stoneham	81	9	17
18	Etta Ada Pierce	Melrose	56	7	18
20	Angelina Orsillo	Stoneham	51	—	—
20	Mary Pitts Young	Stoneham	60	9	12
20	Arthur Simpson Call	Stoneham	41	5	10
21	John Thomas Brophy	Stoneham	78	10	25
23	Alice Sabrina Bell	Stoneham	64	9	29

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Date	Name	Residence	Ys.	Ms.	Ds.
24	William Lumsdin	Stoneham	82	—	—
24	Maria Christina Cempe	Melrose	67	3	1
29	Minnie DeBenedetti	Medford	66	—	—

### July

3	Vernon Burge	Stoneham	14	9	10
4	Herbert Floyd Garland	Stoneham	26	3	9
7	Mary A. Laidlaw	Arlington	41	6	14
9	Vesta Frances Parks	Stoneham	94	—	25
10	Edna Loana Hill	Stoneham	70	—	27
11	Chares Elmer Coffin	Stoneham	78	4	2
13			—	—	—
16	Margaret Ellen Hallahan	Stoneham	87	—	—
17	Mary DelGrecco	Stoneham	—	—	1
17	Arthur Dudley Harrington	Stoneham	73	1	20
18	Bernard McLaughlin	Everett	72	—	—
21	Robert Meek Trainor	Stoneham	64	10	18
23	Emily Mary Dorothy Chase	Medford	50	9	14
24	Louise Madeline Wells	Melrose	63	2	25
26	William Calvin Tingley	Stoneham	74	7	25
27	John D. Veitch	Everett	15	6	—
31	Asa Fickett Jacobs	Melrose	83	2	26
31	J. Edward Avery	Stoneham	78	11	26

### Aug.

1	Mabel Geneva Pearson	Stoneham	75	4	14
4	William James Hole	Stoneham	73	4	13
4	Cordelia Goodale	Everett	87	2	21
7	Elzear E. Forrest	Stoneham	68	—	—
7	Isabella Bennett	Stoneham	83	10	16
10	Annie Gertrude Child	Malden	81	—	—
15	Charles Henry Stark	Melrose	63	3	14
16	Phyllis Blasi	Everett	44	5	4
16	Mary Ellen Crooker	Stoneham	63	5	11
17	Ethelyn Marcia Lindquist	Stoneham	35	1	20
19	George Daniel Litchfield	St. Johnsbury, Vt.	78	—	22
19			—	—	—
20	Maurice Swabey Stackhouse	Revere	67	6	17
22	James Trovino	Stoneham	78	—	—
24	Grace Maud Strong	Stoneham	64	6	19
30	Hilda Louise Froburg	Boston	70	3	—

### Sept.

3	Georgia Etta Proctor	Stoneham	74	—	7
5	Horatio Lafette Washburn	Stoneham	46	—	23
5	Abbie Reid Harmon	Stoneham	85	—	5
6	Georgia Pearl White	Stoneham	64	4	17
6	Carolyn Coburn	Stoneham	33	—	28
9	Charles Wallace Floyd	Farmington, N. H.	54	8	25
12	Catherine Murnhy	Stoneham	81	4	2
12	Charles J. Brennan	Stoneham	38	10	18
15	Elsie Cutter	Stoneham	57	10	26
17	Margaret Coceia	Boston	27	8	19



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Date	Name	Residence	Ys.	Ms.	Ds.
19	Anne Beatrice LeClair	Revere	59	8	18
19	Harmidos Saulnier	Stoneham	54	—	24
20	Charles Ashworth Pears	Stoneham	69	—	19
26	Charles Henry Bucknam	Stoneham	91	10	—
27	Charles Henry Carr	Stoneham	74	2	11
29	Charles Sweet	Stoneham	63	1	1
29	Annie Teresa Flynn	Stoneham	62	6	29
30	Ellen Kane	Stoneham	77	4	20
30	Charles Weston McIntosh	Lexington	64	3	—
<b>Oct.</b>					
1	Jeanette Margaret MacKenzie	Melrose	30	3	16
8	Ella A. Knight	Stoneham	89	7	26
8	James Blenkhorn	Stoneham	75	6	25
10	Katherine Ellen Belcher	Stoneham	88	2	8
15	Sadie Gray	Winchester	55	3	13
16	William Curtis Ryan	Lynnfield	57	7	28
16	Percy Colin Archer	Stoneham	26	—	10
16	Carolyn Frances Snell	Stoneham	72	8	18
18	George Hodder	Brookline	71	10	12
20	Ellen Cora McCarty	Stoneham	80	—	—
29	Olive Henrietta Dodge	Winchester	75	4	18
<b>Nov.</b>					
4	James Henry Hillsgrove	Boston	71	8	22
6	Lillian Albertine Forsaith	Woburn	77	7	9
10	Louis Hiram Cheney	Stoneham	91	5	10
12	John Dickson Smith	Stoneham	65	8	15
13	Judson McCulley Sinclair	Stoneham	56	11	19
18	Emma Jean Conant	Stoneham	74	3	23
21	Frederick Willam Yelland	Woburn	66	10	4
24	Frank Quinn	Stoneham	80	—	—
24	Jennie Miranda Burns	Stoneham	79	2	12
25	Blanche Hazel Barr	Everett	49	—	17
29	Fitz Henry Stevens	Stoneham	75	7	25
<b>Dec.</b>					
1	Dora Crowe	Malden	55	7	22
5	Katherine Emily Eales	Melrose	73	—	23
9	Winnifred Elizabeth O'Brien	Stoneham	67	7	8
9	Alexander John Gardner	Stoneham	29	1	1
9	George E. Kenson	Tilton, N. H.	94	6	14
10	Kathryn L. Marr	Stoneham	31	—	—
24	Maren Thompson	Malden	74	9	7
24	Helen Warren	Somerville	43	8	22
24	Ralph H. Coffill	Stoneham	40	—	—
26	Alfred Emmett Measures	Stoneham	80	10	5
28	Elbridge Gerry Osgood	Stoneham	81	6	—
28	Anna Mary Sexton	Stoneham	27	9	21
29	Nina Mabel Deerwester	Stoneham	29	4	16
29	Maud Lenna Pierce	Providence, R. I.	57	10	5
Residents				132	
Non-residents				60	
Total				192	

## MARRIAGES

Date	Married at	Name	Residence
<b>Jan.</b>			
11	Stoneham	Andrew Nelson	Wakefield
		Mary Allen Hartford	Wakefield
14	Quincy	Clifton Sherburn Seavey	Stoneham
		Margaret Parle Mazalewski	Portsmouth, N H
15	Stoneham	William Everett Peters	Stoneham
		Regina Dygratia Locke	Stoneham
28	Boston	William Eramo	Stoneham
		Ida DiCicco	Stoneham
<b>Feb.</b>			
3	Medford	Louis Haven Watts	Stoneham
		Ellen Catherine Hughes	Malden
4	Stoneham	Ernest Henry Cordeau	Methuen
		Luida Lajoie	Methuen
11	Stoneham	Herbert Roy Smith	Lawrence
		Erma Eliabeth Eldridge	Stoneham
15	Stoneham	William Everett Blake	Stoneham
		Amelia Villa Gonia	Stoneham
18	Plymouth	George Alma Nickerson	Stoneham
		Edith Mae Downes	Stoneham
19	Medford	William Joseph Donovan	Medford
		Anna Louise Nolan	Stoneham
19	Woburn	John Norman Lawson	Stoneham
		Agnes Karagozie	Woburn
25	Stoneham	Edwin Hartwell Frazier	Stoneham
		Eleanor Mary Lerch	Stoneham
<b>Mar.</b>			
25	Wakefield	Herbert James Moss	Elmira, N. Y.
		Elizabeth Bartlett Walton	Stoneham
25	Stoneham	John Peschier	Norwood
		Miriam Charlotte Brown	Medford
25	Stoneham	Wladislaw Mich. Gudzewich	Stoneham
		Beatrice Elizabeth Lamb	Stoneham
29	Stoneham	Charles Francis Magnusson	Medford
		Gladys Stayman	Medford
<b>Apr.</b>			
5	Derry, N. H.	Eugene Hall Hovey	Stoneham
		Rosa Marie Todd	Stoneham
9	Stoneham	Bernard Joseph O'Neil	Stoneham
		Mary Frances Gill	Stoneham
9	Stoneham	Frederick Walter Brouillard	Stoneham
		Eleanor Rita Kenney	Stoneham
9	Stoneham	Daniel Joseph McCarron	Winchester
		Mary Gracelda Murphy	Arlington
9	Wilmington	Bernard Winslow Comer	Stoneham
		Agnes Mary Zengilowski	Wilmington
9	Stoneham	William Eldridge Mason	Arlington
		Elizabeth Louise Woodhead	Stoneham
13	Stoneham	George Edward Woodbury	Somerville
		Dorothy Madeline Porter	Somerville
15	Wakefield	Henry Croshill Betcher, Jr.	Melrose
		Bertha Ruth Blockel	Stoneham
16	Woburn	William Joseph Mahoney	Stoneham
		Gertrude Marg. McLaughlin	Woburn

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Date	Married at	Name	Residence
19	Stoneham	Robie Thaxter Lincoln	Stoneham
		Hazel Foster Carleton	Stoneham
22	Stoneham	Arthur Graney Chapman	Somerville
		Gertrude Ruth McDermott	Stoneham
22	Winchester	Clifford Edward Blockel	Stoneham
		Florence Ficociello	Winchester
28	Melrose	Lawrence Edward Petroni	Stoneham
		Dorothy Hazel Smith	Boston
29	Melrose	Philip Dicks Walls	Melrose
		Alice Phyllis Eldridge	Stoneham
29	East Green- wich, R. I.	Townley Stoddard Bowser	Stoneham
		Hattie Elizabeth Sweet	E. Green'h, R. I.
29	Stoneham	Claude Elliott MacIntyre	Boston
		Patricia Holbrook	Somerville
30	Stoneham	George E. Hutchinson	Boston
		Michelina M. Ascì	Boston
30	Stoneham	John Harold Melanson	Wakefield
		Virginia Elizabeth Dugan	Stoneham

### May

6	Stoneham	Thomas William Rolfe	Stoneham
		Ethel Marion Goodwin	Stoneham
7	Stoneham	Dominick Vespucci	Winchester
		Concetta DiZazzo	Stoneham
12	Stoneham	Elwyn Fred Jones	Stoneham
		Ruth Winifred Rhoades	Stoneham
16	Melrose	Earl Randolph Fuller	W. Southport, Me
		Constance Patricia Gile	Brookline
21	Salem, N. H.	Stephen Albert Abbott	Stoneham
		Florence Jane Littlefield	Medford
22	Stoneham	Paul Leo Connerty	Medford
		Arline Mabel Nowlin	Medford
27	Somerville	Adelbert Aiton Brundage	Stoneham
		Elizabeth Watson Smith	Montreal, P. Q.
28	Stoneham	Joseph Edward Burnside	Stoneham
		Ann Helen Doucette	Somerville

### June

3	Stoneham	Berton King Braley	Limington, Me.
		Maryalice Newhall	Stoneham
3	Barnstable	Lawrence Gahn Clarke	Stoneham
		Priscilla May Cahoon	Reading
11	Stoneham	Robert Francis McAdams	Winchester
		Maybelle Eldora Aldrich	Stoneham
16	Stoneham	Edward Emory Haradon, Jr.	Stoneham
		Ella Ellen Fellows	Winchester
16	Stoneham	Clifford William Smith	Stoneham
		Eloise Frost	Stoneham
17	Stoneham	William Gregory Greene	Brookline
		Alice Mary Regan	Stoneham
17	Revere	Bernard Maurice Halpin	Stoneham
		Catherine Agnes Donovan	Revere
19	Medford	Clifton Porter Cluff	Stoneham
		Mary Elizabeth Jones	Stoneham
21	Worcester	Lloyd Riley Wilkins	E. Meadow, L. I.
		Florence Evelyn Eldridge	Stoneham

## MARRIAGES

Date	Married at	Name	Residence
24	Stoneham	Archie Joseph Premont	Winchester
		Esther Lorraine Kilcoyne	Stoneham
24	Stoneham	Thomas Richard Qualey	Medford
		Marie Elizabeth Donlon	Winchester
24	Stoneham	Arthur Leo Ryan, Jr.	Stoneham
		Vivian Mae Wilson	Stoneham
25	Stoneham	Edward Allison Bruce	Stoneham
		Florence Eloise Gardner	Stoneham
25	Boston	Pasquale Antonucci	Boston
		Antoinette Trozzi	Stoneham
25	Woburn	Alfred Sam Damelio	Stoneham
		Stella Masotta	Woburn
25	Wakefield	Leo Brenner	Winchester
		Mary Ann Chisholm	Stoneham
26	Gr. Barrington	Herant John Adzigian	Stoneham
		Elizabeth Maude Gallup	Great Barrington
30	Stoneham	Arthur Robert Carver	Stoneham
		Frances Ann Donovan	Stoneham

### July

2	Stoneham	Nicholas Wm. Kalavritinos	Stoneham
		Ethel Florence Duff	Stoneham
2	Stoneham	Lester Charles Kelley	Winchester
		Margaret Angus Wallace	Stoneham
5	Stoneham	Wm. Jas. Prowce Whicker	Medford
		Johanna Eleanor Loesche	Bloomfield, N. J.
8	Stoneham	J. V. Jones	Cambridge
		Laura C. McCormick	Somerville
8	Stoneham	Sidnev Russell Ervin	Stoneham
		Dorothy Bell Rogers	Stoneham
8	Stoneham	George Warren McFeeters	Winchester
		Maude Alice Groff	Stoneham
8	Winchester	George Norman Johnson	Medford
		Camilla Yolande DeAngelis	Stoneham
8	Malden	Francis Shields McHale	Stoneham
		Muriel Caulfield Hill	Malden
9	Melrose	James Russell White	Saugus
		Clara Marina Del Rossi	Stoneham
9	Wakefield	Otto Oswald Aue	Winchester
		Mary Emily Deveau	Stoneham
22	Stoneham	Joseph Ernest Sheridan	Stoneham
		Ethel Elizabeth Tucker	Stoneham
22	Wilmington	Andrew Campbell May	Stoneham
		Margaret Walton	Wilmington
23	Stoneham	Carl George Hubbard	Wakefield
		Ellen Barbara Gallella	Stoneham
28	Somerville	Wilfred Arthur Rockwood	Somerville
		Grace Elizabeth Thomas	Stoneham
28	Winchester	Robert Buchanan Christie	Stoneham
		Mildred Leone Waters	Winchester

### Aug.

1	Stoneham	Richard Daniel Churchill	Medford
		Eunice Evelyn Gile	Winchester
1	Wakefield	Michael Francis O'Brien	Stoneham
		Irene Catherine Kennedy	Wakefield

## MARRIAGES

Date	Married at	Name	Residence
3	Stoneham	Thomas H. McCoy	Tewksbury
		Marian E. Muldoon	Tewksbury
5	Stoneham	Roy Stanley Palmer	Stoneham
		Ethel May Beers	Winchester
5	Arlington	Donald Nestor Grundberg	Stoneham
		Viva Sadie Stevenson	Arlington
6	Stoneham	Thomas Henry Lynch	Winchester
		Dorothy Grace Sweet	Stoneham
11	Melrose	Charles Winthrop Whitcher	Stoneham
		Ruth Maude Russell	Melrose
15	Gr. Barrington	Arthur Roger Schneider	Great Barrington
		Mildred Elizabeth LaCasse	Stoneham
19	Stoneham	Michael Clemens Weyler	Boston
		Arline Eunice Parks	Stoneham
19	Stoneham	Clarence Reuben Muse	Wakefield
		Elizabeth Ann Green	Stoneham
19	Melrose	Leon Wesley Weir, Jr.	Stoneham
		Barbara Elizabeth Davis	Melrose
26	Stoneham	Byron Martin Taber	Melrose
		Alice Susan Shaw	Medford
26	Stoneham	Patrick Joseph Joyce	Woburn
		Hazel Arline Murphy	Stoneham
27	Cambridge	Daniel Joseph McGaffigan	Stoneham
		Mary Helena Ward	Cambridge
27	Boston	William John Bratton	Stoneham
		Helen Cecelia Horrigan	Boston

### Sept.

1	Reading	Herbert Gordon Mitchell Jr.	Stoneham
		Dorothy Marie Fraughton	Reading
2	Stoneham	Earle Wright Kelley	Stoneham
		Mary Genevieve O'Neill	Stoneham
2	Stoneham	John Holland Oatis	Lynnfield
		Ruth Adelaide Ward	Stoneham
3	Stoneham	Wilbur Charles Avery	Stoneham
		Dorothy Mary Burr	Stoneham
4	Wakefield	Alvah Goldthwaite Clark Jr.	Stoneham
		Eleonora Totran	Stoneham
10	Stoneham	George Albert Coffen	Stoneham
		Dorothy Cowan Hayward	Stoneham
11	Stoneham	Joseph Henry Doherty	Cambridge
		Lena Frances Keatley	Cambridge
13	Malden	Carl Martin Larson	Woburn
		Louise Mav Foisie	Stoneham
17	Stoneham	Dwight Ellsworth Loder	Stoneham
		Mildred Ethel Shay	Stoneham
17	Stoneham	Frede'k Ellingwood Laycock	Melrose
		Adeline Irma Newcomb	Stoneham
17	Stoneham	Philip Henry O'Brien	Woburn
		Margaret Teresa Ingalls	Stoneham
17	Stoneham	Alfred Clement Biddiscombe	Boston
		Marion Veronica Farrow	Stoneham
21	Stoneham	Frederick Allen Griesman	Stoneham
		Saramae Shotwell Pickrell	Stoneham
21	Woburn	Roland Ernest Woodland	Stoneham
		Mae Sophie Olson	Woburn



## MARRIAGES

Date	Married at	Name	Residence
23	Stoneham	Joseph Moore Bingham	Pelham, N. H.
		Blanche Spencer	Pelham, N. H.
24	Stoneham	Joseph Doherty	Reading
		Alice Rita Murphy	Stoneham
24	Woburn	Robert Arthur Forrest	Stoneham
		Elizabeth Frances Bacon	Woburn
24	Stoneham	James Vincent Terlizzi	Malden
		Emily Gertrude Osgerichian	Stoneham
30	Carver	George Elmer Young Jr.	Stoneham
		Faith Margaret Atwood	Carver
30	Newton	Thomas French Temple III	Newton
		Harriette Louise Sellon	Stoneham
30	Saugus	Robert Granville Parks	Stoneham
		Dorothea Helen Hilton	Saugus

### Oct.

7	Stoneham	Donald George Crosby	Melrose
		Ella Harris Hovey	Stoneham
7	Stoneham	John C. Whitten	Wakefield
		Arville L. Lockwood	Wakefield
8	Stoneham	Paul Vincent McHale	Stoneham
		Clara Louise Harris	Stoneham
8	Medford	Walter James O'Neill	Stoneham
		Dolores Bernd'te Cavanaugh	Medford
12	Stoneham	William Joseph Cassidy Jr.	Stoneham
		Marg't Loretto McDonough	Stoneham
12	Stoneham	James Lawrence Collins	Medford
		Marie Eilizabeth Fitzpatrick	Medford
12	Cambridge	Daniel James Griffin	Stoneham
		Dorothy Catherine Shannon	Cambridge
14	Everett	Joseph Celestin Doucette	Stoneham
		Maybelle May Winton	Stoneham
16	Boston	Curtis Wendell Crooker	Stoneham
		Elizabeth Porter	Harvard
17	Stoneham	Clyde Weston Carter	Stoneham
		Hazel Mae McDermott	Mansfield
18	Winchester	Churchill Angustus Newman	Stoneham
		Phyllis Arline Raymond	Boston
21	Lynn	Fred Henry Patridge	Stoneham
		Alice Roberts Marsh	Stoneham
22	Stoneham	Patrick Joseph Scanlon	Malden
		Florence Eliz. McDonough	Stoneham
22	Wakefield	Robert Carl Oppen	Stoneham
		Lettie Harrison Christie	Wakefield
28	Malden	Giovanni Rotondo	Stoneham
		Pauline Mary Lapery	Stoneham
29	Stoneham	Peter Paul Savelo	Stoneham
		Elizabeth Barbara Fama	Stoneham

### Nov.

2	Malden	Roland Lawrence Gardner	Stoneham
		Arlene Walsh Harris	Stoneham
5	Stoneham	John James Connors	Worcester
		Alice Veronica Driscoll	Stoneham
9	Melrose	Jesse Nathaniel Furman	Melrose
		Dorothea Mae Perkins	Stoneham

## MARRIAGES

Date	Married at	Name	Residence
11	Brockton	Charles Tracy Rafferty	Stoneham
		Hannah Marie Sheehan	Brockton
12	Boston	Harold Edward Eagan	Stoneham
		Margaret Gertrude Shallow	Boston
18	Lynn	Joseph Wilfred Bouchard	Stoneham
		Mary Medora Lafond	Manchester, N. H.
19	Melrose	George Leonard Surette	Stoneham
		Ann Mabel Surette	Melrose
19	Woburn	Albert Fletcher Melley	Stoneham
		Eilizabeth Grace Flaherty	Woburn
23	Lancaster	Herbert Charles Preston	Takoma Park, Md
		Ella Christine MacKay	Stoneham
25	Stoneham	Joseph Eugene Flaherty	Winchester
		Margery Anne Poland	Stoneham
26	Stoneham	Norman C. J. L'Esperance	Lynn
		Rita Margaret Bouchard	Stoneham
29	Stoneham	Daniel Joseph Mahoney	Quincy
		Virginia Elizabeth Smith	Stoneham
30	Stoneham	Lee Harris Coburn	Stoneham
		Mary Louise Hart	Stoneham

### Dec.

2	Stoneham	Gordon Lee Fanjoy	Stoneham
		Helen Dorothy Fredrickson	Stoneham
5	Stoneham	William Simon McKendry	Stoneham
		Ann Rita Gorman	Stoneham
9	Everett	Ralph Gordon Gould	Stoneham
		Fannie Elizabeth Adams	Everett
15	Somerville	John Joseph Halligan	Stoneham
		Anita Marie Comeau	Somerville
16	Stoneham	James Herbert Moody	Surry, Me.
		Pauline Gertrude Davis	Stoneham
25	Stoneham	Albert Charles Cutter	Medford
		Iona Alberta Pierce	Stoneham
25	Billerica	John Francis Bowen	Billerica
		Margaret Mary Pettis	Stoneham
26	Stoneham	Wilfred Pierce Eaton	Stoneham
		Linda Elizabeth Stone	Stoneham

## REPORT OF PLANNING BOARD

To the Citizens of Stoneham:

The duties of the Planning Board of the town are multitudinous and this year has been no exception. The Zoning By-Laws, changes in municipal buildings, and anything else which benefits or hurts the town.

During the course of 1939 the board studied three proposed filling stations and approved one, radical changes in two other stations, and turned over recommendations to the Board of Selectmen on many other property changes.

The Board assisted the Christmas lighting committee in its work, conducted in cooperation with the Board of Health and Board of Selectmen a Clean Up Week that resulted in a great many improvements in the town.

Two changes were adopted on the Board during the course of the year. The first was to appoint four sub-committees on Maps and Layouts, Zoning, Development, and Central Park. All matter coming to the Board was received by the Board, turned over to these special committees for study and report to facilitate the work and aid greatly in decisions of merit without long delay.

The Board agreed to meet twice a month instead of once and thus were able to consider more matters pertaining to town betterment than before.

Representatives of the State Planning Board and Metropolitan District Planning Board met with our group to discuss matters which affect Stoneham in relation to the rest of the Metropolitan District and the state as a whole.

Members of the Board specially qualified have checked regularly with the Master Plan project and report remarkable and accurate progress with the work which should eventually become a completed study of great value to the town in many respects.

Transportation was studied in co-operation with the rest of the town officials. A contest for high school students for "Welcome to Stoneham" signs of appropriate design was conducted and awards made.

In connection with the postoffice to be erected here, the Board took steps to see that it would be named the Stoneham Post Office instead of Boston Post Office, Stoneham branch.

It has recommended changes in the by-laws and building laws of the town which should protect residents even further from careless wrecking of buildings, leaving of lots in unsightly condition, and dumping on lots where there is no right to dump.

The Board believes that a great deal of good can come from its recommendations and co-operation with other Boards as qualified citizens are appointed to serve in the capacity of members of the Planning Board.

G. RICHARD BARNSTEAD, JR., Chairman  
RUSSELL C. CHASE, Vice Chairman  
JOSEPH B. GEREMONTE, Secretary  
ORA HILL BINGHAM  
ALBERT E. CASEY  
LESLIE C. FRENCH  
WILLIAM A. GARSIDE  
FREDERICK P. HANFORD  
RALPH A. JENKINS  
GEORGE E. MacNEIL, JR.  
WARREN M. MIRICK  
CHARLES J. ROTUNDI

## REPORT OF BOARD OF RETIREMENT

The Board of Retirement herewith presents its third annual report.

During the year 1939 nine members were added to the System; four contributing members withdrew from the service of the Town; two contributing members and two non-contributing members reached the age of retirement and were therefore added to the number of pensioners.

Total Membership — December 31, 1939 .....	83
Active Members — Group 1 — Contributing .....	71
Active Members — Group 2 — Contributing .....	1
Pensioners .....	11

### STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

January 1, 1939 to December 31, 1939

#### INCOME

Balance, January 1, 1939 .....	\$13,953.36
Members' Contributions with Interest .....	\$4,895.61
Appropriations by the Town for:	
Pension Accumulation Fund .....	9,294.32
Expense Fund .....	113.00
Interest Deficiency .....	117.68
Investment Income .....	833.31
	15,253.92
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS .....</b>	<b>\$29,207.28</b>

#### DISBURSEMENTS

Annuity Payments .....	\$ 36.30
Pension Payments .....	4,628.34
Refund of Contributions .....	324.76
Administration Expenses:	
Salaries .....	\$145.01
Printing & Stationery .....	11.40
Postage .....	5.00
Fed. Tax & Comm. on Bonds .....	23.10
Convention Expenses .....	10.78
	195.29
Accrued Interest on Investments .....	210.01
Amortization of Bonds .....	2.22
	5,396.92
<b>Ledger Assets December 31, 1939 .....</b>	<b>\$23,810.36</b>



## Balance Sheet — December 31, 1939

### ASSETS

Book Value of Bonds .....	\$18,474.03	
Cash — Middlesex County Nat'l Bank .....	5,336.33	\$23,810.36

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### LIABILITIES

Annuity Savings Fund — Group 1 .....	\$11,083.15	
Annuity Savings Fund — Group 2 .....	10.50	
Annuity Reserve Fund .....	381.88	
Pension Accumulation Fund .....	11,645.82	
Expense Fund .....	170.68	
Undistributed Earnings .....	518.33	\$23,810.36

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### INVESTMENTS

Central Illinois Public Service Co. 3 3/4s due Dec. 1968	\$5,000.00
Lowell Gas Light Co. ....4 1/2s " Mar. 1966	1,000.00
Northern Indiana Public Serv. Co. 3 3/4S " Aug. 1969	5,000.00
Penn. Electric Co. - Series F .....4s " May, 1971	3,000.00
Peoples Gas Light & Coke .....4s " Apr. 1961	5,000.00

ARTHUR N. NEWHALL

HARRY A. WILLIAMS

CHARLES A. OWEN

Retirement Board

## REPORT OF W. P. A. CO-ORDINATOR

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen  
and Citizens of the Town of Stoneham :

I herewith submit my third annual report as W. P. A. Co-ordinator for the town of Stoneham for the year of 1939:

A total of fifteen projects were submitted during the past twelve months covering manual and white collar projects. According to new regulations of the Federal Government, we were authorized to submit projects in blanket form — that is, a project calling for the setting aside of a large sum of money to be used for a specific type of work. Once that blanket project was approved in Washington and the money earmarked, we were allowed to present projects of like nature covering certain sections of the town until the Federal Grant was exhausted. These different sections were in turn approved and the approval made at the State office. In this manner the town was assured of Federal Funds being available for their use when the Joint Committee selected projects for approval.

Personnel during the past year has varied to some extent. During the first part of the year our rolls were increased until at various times they mounted to as many as two hundred and seventy workers. A federal investigation of each worker was carried on by the State Social Division during the early part of March and a few cases received notice of cancellation of eligibility due to income in their homes. A number of workers received private employment, either temporary or of a permanent nature, so that by June 30, our rolls were down to two hundred and ten workers.

With the passage of the Congressional Act for 1939-1940, the Relief Act was given a new terminology and is now termed Work Projects Administration in place of Work Progress Administration. This Act also called for the laying off of all workers who had been on the program for relief work for the continuous period of eighteen months. The dismissal of all such workers started during the latter part of August in Stoneham and continued until the middle of October. As other workers reach their eighteen months' period, they are now automatically notified of their dismissal. Such dismissal requires a new certification and is considered as a new case. There is no assurance given by the Government that any dismissed worker will again be assigned as new certifications held by the assignment division covering persons who had been duly certified for work, but because of quota limitations, were unable to be assigned, were given work to take the place of the removed worker. It so happened that the town

of Stoneham did not have any large number of certified persons in reserve, so most of the original workers were able to be re-assigned.

Some changes took place during the last half of the year regarding the amount of sponsor's contributions. The ruling requiring all towns to pay a 30% contribution on all manual projects was changed so that the towns are now required to pay twenty-five cents as contribution for each federal dollar spent for labor on all types of projects. This Government ruling will materially increase the obligation of the town in connection with all W. P. A. projects.

It is a generally accepted fact that the presence of this government agency materially lightens the load of the welfare department of the town in spite of the fact that for every man who is working and for every dollar paid by the government as wages, it is an obligation of the town to pay as above specified, the amount of twenty-five cents on the dollar. On this basis, if it were possible to know the number of workers that would be on the payroll for a year, it would be possible, within a very few dollars, to be definitely sure of the amount of money the town would have to spend to keep the program in operation. But as Acts of Congress and rules of State Headquarters vary from time to time, and as we have no way of knowing how many may be released or added to the rolls during a year's period, this definite amount is impossible to figure. The only thing that can be done, is to determine, as far ahead as possible, the nature and approximate number of projects to be operated during the next year and estimate — always working from what has been expended in the past on projects of like nature — the amount which we believe will be ample to take care of the town's obligation. This past year federal funds coming into the town as wages amount to approximately \$147,746.57 on local projects, \$12,000.00 on State-wide projects, in addition to \$6,618.60 expended for Federal materials. This gave a total of approximately \$166,165.17 as a Government expenditure in comparison with an approximate total of \$34,194.42 as the town's expenditure. The administrative costs for the year have been \$3,708.17. This figure includes the heating of the W. P. A. headquarters at 11 Gerry Street; also the water bill for the year in addition to supplies necessary to carry on the work and the salaries.

For a great many months, Stoneham and surrounding towns were the only towns in the State which were given the privilege of keeping a copy of the Federal payroll in their files and for their records. In June this privilege was removed from the remaining towns in the State. This action lightened

the work of the administrative office to some extent as all Federal payrolls until that time were carefully audited from each project before being submitted to the time control division. A new system was tried out whereby the Government assigned a transmittal agent in each town. The duties of this transmittal agent required that he pick up all payrolls from the various timekeepers and transmit them direct to the area office. This arrangement evidently has not proven as satisfactory as it was hoped, for at the present time a new set-up is being planned to take care of this part of the work.

The Government, however, has become very insistent that all Federal forms covering sponsor's expenditures be carefully itemized in ledgers which will be available for the use of the Federal Finance Division for checking purposes at any time; therefore, starting with the new year, a system which has been set up by them will be operated in the local office. Also the system of recording local expenditures will be changed with the starting of the new year. Mr. Owen, Town Accountant, has proposed a change in the method of keeping the ledgers on W. P. A. expenditures. Since 1935 bills have been posted to their proper accounts as the bills were presented for payment, thereby keeping an accurate account of all money spent on each separate project and the balance on hand at all times. However, as time goes on and the type of work now being carried on under the program demands the ordering of large and varied lots of materials, it is a difficult proceeding to keep track of all outstanding bills. For this reason, a new system will be installed whereby a purchase order will be issued for each and every item ordered and the order posted immediately. In this manner, there will always be a correct running balance whether the bill has been presented for payment or not. This method will entirely eliminate the possibility of any overdrafts on any operating project. It has been an impossibility in previous years to prevent these overdrafts and they necessarily increase each year owing to the amount of purchases necessary to carry on the particular types of work now being done.

At this time, I wish to thank the citizens of the town, the various town officials and departments and the State and District officials for their splendid cooperation. And I wish especially to extend my appreciation to George F. Fitzgerald, Field Engineer, for the help and kind attention he has extended to the town as well as myself on the operation of all projects. The many courtesies shown me throughout my appointment as Coordinator have greatly lightened a difficult undertaking. Because of the cooperation received, we have been able to keep our entire quota work-

ing efficiently on worthwhile projects and none of our workers have been laid off in spite of the fact that we have at times been hard pressed for necessary materials to carry on with.

Respectfully submitted,

PERCIVAL H. WARDWELL

Coordinator - W. P. A.

### **Improve Sanitary Sewer System Throughout Town**

A blanket sewer lproject was presented for approval during the latter part of 1938 calling for the construction of sewers in different sections of the town where soil and ledge conditions made cesspools impractical. The work estimated in this project asked for an expenditure of \$70,734.05 — \$51,572.20 in Federal Funds and \$19,361.85 as Sponsor's Contribution. During the past year, the following streets have been serviced:

#### **Central Street and Collincote Street**

This section of the project was started on January 24, 1939 and was completed March 17, 1939. 252 linear feet of 6" vitrified clay pipe and 545 linear feet of vitrified clay pipe was laid. Six manholes were constructed in this area. The construction of this sewer serviced the new North School as well as residential homes in that section.

#### **Main Street (East)**

The construction of a sewer in this particular section was of great value to the town as well as all residents in the vicinity. This location had previously been taken care of by cesspools but due to the extremely wet condition which exists, cesspools have been inadequate and more or less trouble has been in existence for some years past. 1040 linear feet of 8" vitrified clay pipe were laid, starting from Elm Street and running in a northerly direction. This work was started during the month of March and after waiting for some weeks for the excavation trench to settle, a six-foot granolithic sidewalk — amounting to 540 square yards — was constructed. This, in addition to the construction of a sidewalk carried on under our regular sidewalk project, gave a full length of new walk from Elm Street north to Collincote Street. Persons from that part of the town, as well as others who have occasion to use it, certainly appreciate the excellent work accomplished. Eleven house connections were also installed during this work.

#### **Main Street (West)**

This work will consist of the construction of a sanitary sewer on the westerly side of Main Street, running northerly from Elm Street a distance of approximately 265 linear feet; then cross-



ing Main Street and emptying into the existing sewer, which in turn empties into the Metropolitan Sewerage System. Project also calls for the construction of two manholes. As the project has been in operation for only two days — starting December 30, the only work being done is the excavation.

### **Brackett and Richardson Avenues**

This project provides for the construction of sewer connections to an existing six-inch sewer and the construction of catch basin connections to an existing storm water drain in Brackett Avenue, while the Richardson Avenue portion allows for the construction of a six-inch sanitary sewer and three manholes.

Common manholes which existed between the sanitary sewer and the storm water drain were so designed that when the flow of sewage in the Brackett Avenue sanitary sewer became more than four inches deep, the surplus sewage would overflow into the surface water drain. This surface water drain apparently had a free outlet into an adjacent open water course. The State Department of Public Health recommended that the various manholes built in this manner be rebuilt so as to prevent any possibility of overflow of sewage into underdrains; also recommended that all sanitary sewers and under drainage systems, which would also apply to the storm water system, be kept separate so far as practicable so that no domestic sewage can overflow into the open waters in the vicinity of the town. Therefore, the manholes on Brackett Avenue were reconstructed in such a way as to prevent this overflow of sewage into the existing storm water drain.

Richardson Avenue portion of the project, called for the laying of 472 linear feet of 6" vitrified clay pipe — but upon the recommendation of the Public Health Board, 8" pipe was used. Three manholes were constructed to service this section.

### **Summerhill Street**

On the 26th day of December the Summerhill Street Sewer was started. Due to the presence of large quantities of ledge, the use of cesspools has been impractical from a health standpoint; therefore, a project was presented to furnish labor necessary for the construction of a sanitary sewer and services to the lot lines. This sewer will also empty into the Metropolitan Sewerage System. 1005 linear feet of 8" vitrified clay pipe and 420 linear feet of 5" pipe will be laid and nine manholes will be constructed to take care of this section. Up to the present time, only the excavation work has been started.

### **Franklin Street Sewer**

Work on the above captioned project was started in the

month of September 1938. Due to the depth of cut, the average depth being 15 feet, the excessive hardness of the ledge encountered and the difficulty of operation due to heavy traffic, it was necessary to present a supplemental project to finish the work. Such a project was approved by the Government and on January 28, 1939 work was continued under our blanket sewer project. The work on Franklin Street extended from Perkins Street to Sunset Road where 671 feet of 10" pipe was laid. Besides 582 cubic yards of earth excavation, 2236 cubic yards of ledge excavation were taken care of. The type of ledge and the fact that the excavation was in the middle of a heavily traveled thoroughfare, made the work extremely hazardous. The Supervisor of the above work received the commendation of the W. P. A. officials for the excellent manner in which he carried on the work, the fact that the project was completed in record time under very trying conditions and for the minor number of accidents incurred to the workmen. The cost of the above work would have been prohibitive for the town to do as the labor costs amount to approximately \$34,000.00.

#### **Construct Sidewalks Along Public Thoroughfares and Around Public Buildings**

Since the starting of the W. P. A. program, the sidewalk project has been considered very favorably by the residents of the town and such work has been carried on during the past year under the seventh approved project for this type of work. The project in operation for the past year calls for the installing of 8334 sq. yds. of 4" thick concrete walks, 1200 sq. yds. of 6" thick driveway ramps; 345 sq. yds. of 4" thick entrance between curb and sidewalk; 9,000 linear yards of cast in place concrete curbing; 45,000 sq. ft. of grass plot between curb and sidewalk and 600 corner blocks of concrete at driveways. Our records show that out of an estimated 15,000 linear feet of walk, 12,000 linear feet were constructed this past year from the first week in May through the latter part of December. This type of concrete walk and curb, not only increases the property values, but also improves the appearance of Stoneham and provides for safer passage for pedestrians. This particular type of sidewalk has been considered favorably for some years by various town agencies, but have not heretofore been constructed due to the lack of funds. As a Federal ruling, effective last June, forbids local administrative offices keeping amounts spent on payrolls of Federal Labor, there is no record of the exact amount expended, but from the total grants and the percentage of work left to be done, it is estimated that fifty thousand dollars in Federal Payroll have been paid into the town on this type of

work. As soon as the weather conditions permit, this project will again be resumed. Instead of work being done in the order of the receipt of applications, this year a new work schedule was tried and found to be much more satisfactory than the former way of working. The town was divided into sections and the walks constructed by blocks. In this manner, the work progressed much more rapidly, it saved the unnecessary moving of equipment and proved a great saving in time and both Federal and local funds.

### Improve Grounds and Facilities At Civic Center

This project was written for the improvement of Civic Center, so-called, between Central, Common, Pine and Emerson Streets to include rough and finished grading — excepting the P. W. A. area — for the construction of catch basins, manhole and drains, parking area, granolithic walk and steps; resetting of granite curb and construction of cement sidewalk, and for the grading and penetrating of parking and service areas and for the seeding and landscaping of the entire area. This project did not duplicate nor overlap any work provided for under the P. W. A. contract under which the new town hall was constructed. This work is still being carried on and there remains much to be accomplished. During the past year, however, 700 linear feet of walks were paved with concrete, 308 linear feet of granite curbing set; 330 linear feet of 8" storm drain constructed and one acre of landscaping and beautification grading done. Shrubbery already planted consists of one *Rhododendron-Maximum*, two *Rhododendron-Catawbinse*, twelve *Taxus Baccata Repandens*, ten *Juniperus*, *Com. Dep. Plumosa*, two *Azalea Poukhanensis*, four *Azalea Dauricum Mucromulatum*, five *Spiraea Trichocarpa*, *Spiraea Vanhouttei*, *Philadelphus Virginalis*, *Philadelphus Bourquetblanc*, *Deutzia Gracilis*, *Abies Concolor*, *Evonymus Radicans Vegetus*, *Thuja Occidentalis*, *Thuja Occidentalis Pyramidalis*. Landscaping of this project was designed by your local sponsor's agent and approved by the firm of Adden, Parker, Clinch & Crimp, Architects.

### Lindenwood Cemetery Wall

The Trustees of Lindenwood Cemetery were desirous of having a project presented whereby a four foot double faced stone wall 18" thick and a section of retaining wall would be constructed. This was to serve as an enclosure for the front and partly open side of the cemetery. Such a project was drawn up and duly presented and approved. Work was started on January 3, 1939 but was suspended January 20, 1939. The nature of the work called for mostly skilled workers and at the time

the assignment division did not have the proper classifications to carry on the work without assigning men from outside towns, so it was decided to suspend the work. This is a splendid project which will greatly benefit the town as well as beautify to a certain extent the cemetery surroundings and it can be reopened when necessary skilled labor and sponsor's contributions can be obtained to carry on.

### **Gould Meadow Improvement and Drainage**

On May 10, 1939, the project calling for the improvement at Gould Meadow Playground was again reopened. This project was formerly started in January 1937. Operations were suspended on October 4, 1937. The project was reopened April 25, 1938 and suspended again June 17, 1938. On May 10, 1939 the project was reopened for further work and progressive labor was carried on until October 11, 1939 when it was necessary to close the project due to lack of Federal Funds. As explained in our reports for the past two years, the project was for the purpose of improving land known as Gould Meadow. The reason for the above suspensions and reopenings of the project from time to time was due to the fact that the location was formerly a town dump and it was necessary to carry different stages of work on at varied intervals to conserve both Federal and Local funds and to obtain results which would be more or less lasting. Work during the past year has consisted of filling in with loam, finish grading, rolling and seeding. At the suggestion of consulting engineers on this project, Morse, Dickinson & Goodwin, it was recommended that a surface drain of approximately 540' in length with a cut of approximately 5' be incorporated into this project to cover surface drainage. This suggestion, not being in order with Federal Regulations, a new project calling for surface drainage was drawn up and approved which included the balance of unfinished work on original project and the addition of a drain and catch basins. Under this new project 334 cu. yds. of excavation, 114 cu. yds. surplus material hauled away, 91 cu. yd. loose stone around pipe; 515 ft. 12" vitrified clay pipe in place, two catch basins and 220 cu. yds. of backfill were taken care of. Work accomplished at the Gould Meadow Playground has all been of a constructive nature in order to follow a plan adopted by the town which, when completed, will provide a high school athletic field. While it may appear to the general observer that a great deal of time and money has been spent in that particular location, it is more or less a fact as any attempt to fill in a dump and grade it to specifications along with necessary complications which arise from time to time as work progresses and to make that area



into a worthwhile playground, which is the earnest hope and endeavor of the townspeople, requires more or less expenditure and a great deal of patience. Our town sadly needs a recreation center which will be an asset to the town and with the plans which are in the minds of various members of town departments, we actually feel that we have made slow, but steady and certain progress toward obtaining that goal.

### **Gould Meadow Skating Rink**

While actual work on this project was completed the last day in December 1938, I think it well to mention the fact that the rink was officially opened on Thursday, January 18, 1939. As this rink had been under a W. P. A. project and W. P. A. officials were particularly interested in the splendid construction and completion of it, several different officials from State Headquarters and the Area Office were invited to attend the dedication. W. P. A. photographer, Mr. Freiberg, was sent by the publicity division to photograph the dedication of the hockey rink and some very fine pictures were obtained. The general public, as well as the High School and various hockey teams have greatly enjoyed its excellent surface.

### **Supervised Recreation**

Under this project, which has been continuous since the early part of 1936, a program of supervised recreational activities was again offered to both the children and the adults in the town. While the fundamentals of the program were practically the same as in previous years, some changes were made with the view of encouraging more adult participation including the enlarging of the Soft Ball League, the starting of women's teams and diversified instruction in Arts and Crafts. During the summer season, playground supervision was furnished as in years past; also Tennis matches and Soft Ball and Baseball games, while with the advent of cold weather, outdoor supervision has been devoted to skating. The year round program has included instruction in the various phases of needle craft and the holding of classes devoted to Arts & Crafts. The program has been rounded out by the maintenance of the Recreation room stocked with many types of games and reading matter, providing diversion suitable for both children and adults.

### **Complete Engineering Survey To Establish Street Bounds, Etc.**

The Master Map Project has made exceptionally good progress during the past year considering the general condition of the street lines. Due to past neglect, the streets have not been clearly defined or bounded and many of those bounds that were set have been removed or destroyed. The loss to the town and



individual property owners through the removal or destruction of bounds, as practiced by some contractors, cannot be emphasized too strongly. Once a bound is lost, all property tied to that bound through deed or survey is left floating. It is impossible to replace a bound exactly and, therefore, the origin of all measurements from that bound is lost and street and property lines made indefinite. This is one of the leading causes of property dispute and could easily be avoided in the future through stricter enforcement of the law.

During the past year this project has completed the major traverses covering 110,000 feet with an average accuracy of 1 in 65,000 or an error of only .002 feet in 1000 feet of traverse. 114,000 feet of secondary traverse has been completed and 53,000 feet of street details picked up and plotted. Work is progressing on the actual determination of the street lines and the center of the town east of Main Street is practically completed. Maps are now in progress showing the streets as they exist today and the true street lines as finally determined. These may be inspected any time the project is operating and it is hoped more people will take the opportunity of learning the extent and value of this work. It may be of interest to know that data from the Stoneham Project was chosen in Washington to be shown in a national exhibit in Chicago.

#### Household Aid

This type of project is to provide employment for needy women as housekeeping aides to render assistance in housework, to care for children and the simple home care of the sick. Temporary assistance is given in the homes of the needy when the homemaker is totally or partially incapacitated. The past year the project has accomplished a great amount of work with an average of only nine workers. These workers are well trained and have proven very satisfactory and of the greatest assistance wherever sent. The following list will give an idea as to how busy these aides are kept:

Number of Families Assisted .....	70
Number of Persons in Families Assisted .....	299
Number of Visits Made .....	2400
Average Number of Aides .....	9

#### Sewing Project

As in previous years, a project has been in operation which provides for the employment of needy persons in the maintenance and operation of a sewing room. This year the local unit, averaging twenty-four workers, has made specific articles of clothing

outlined for them by the Government office. A total of 10,999 garments were completed:

Men's Work Jackets .....	873
Boys' Two-piece Suits .....	6500
Women's Slips .....	1563
Women's Nightgowns .....	1750
Girls' Slips .....	153
Children's Pajamas .....	9
Girls' Bloomers .....	19
Children's Dresses .....	132
Total .....	10,999

These finished products are then taken to the State Commissary where they are distributed free of charge to charitable institutions, or to the needy. It is understood that these articles are distributed only to persons receiving, or eligible to receive, according to public records, public relief or that they be used for public purposes for which it is legal to spend local public tax funds.

### Control and Suppress Leaf-Feeding Insect Pests

A newly approved project covering the control and suppression of leaf-feeding insect pests was put in operation on April 4, 1939. As this type of work is of a seasonal nature, the project was suspended on the 22nd of May and reopened on December 21, 1939. There is opportunity for a great deal of work beneficial to the town to be done under projects of this kind. Certain sections of the town have been found to be heavily infested with gypsy moths, tent caterpillars and other insect pests. The work in exterminating these pests consists of creosoting, cutting webs, spraying, etc; also the thinning of the infested areas wherever necessary to facilitate the proper prosecution of the work. Thirteen acres of thinning, eighty-eight acres of creosoting were covered and 42,202 tent caterpillars and 4,897 gypsy moth nests destroyed.

### Commodity Center

During the early part of the year the Commodity Center was removed from its location at 49 Central Street across the street to 10 Central Street. These new quarters were found much more satisfactory as to heat and lighting conditions as well as the facilities for preserving food commodities. A total of 828 families were assisted by both food and clothing products during the past twelve months.

Following is a list of both food and clothing issued:

Apples .....	17092 lb.
Beans (Dried) .....	11462 lb.

Beets .....	946 lb.
Butter .....	13163 lb.
Cabbage (Fresh) .....	1228 lb.
Carrots (Fresh) .....	2610 lb.
Wheat Cereal .....	8997 lb.
Evaporated Milk .....	2246 cans
White Flour .....	19594 lb.
Peaches (Fresh) .....	750 lb.
Rolled Oats .....	1710 lb.
Oranges .....	5069 doz.
Sweet Potatoes .....	2570 lb.
Prunes .....	5855 lb.
Corn Meal .....	17314 lb.
Graham Flour .....	9984 lb.
Fluid Milk .....	40476 qts.
Grapefruit .....	10250 lb.
Grapefruit Juice .....	3673 cans
Raisins .....	500 lb.
Rice .....	1200 lb.
Fresh Squash .....	3339 lb.
Fresh Tomatoes .....	828 lb.
Children's Bathrobes .....	22
Girls' Bloomers .....	425
Women's Bloomers .....	206
Children's Cotton Blouses .....	97
Combinations .....	174
Girls' Cotton Dresses .....	1126
Women's Dresses .....	821
Mens'-Boys' Wool Jackets .....	109
Layettes .....	43
Girls Nightgowns .....	218
Infants' Nightgowns .....	6
Women's Nightgowns .....	278
Men's Nightshirts .....	5
Women's-Misses' Pajamas .....	343
Men's-Boys' Pajamas .....	305
Men's-Boys' Pants .....	422
Infants Quilts .....	2
Rompers .....	100
Men's-Boys' Shirts .....	1223
Men's-Boys' Shorts .....	931
Women's-Girls' Slips .....	1177
Boys' Cotton Suits .....	324
Children's Sunsuits .....	36
Women's Cotton Suits .....	24

Men's-Boys' Unionsuits .....	76
Men's Dungarees .....	356
Boys' Dungarees .....	147
Children's Pajamas .....	879
Boys' Pants .....	237
Bootees .....	24

### **Fire-Hazard Project — Statewide**

An emergency Forest Fire Hazard Reduction Project which was state-wide was opened during December 1938 and carried on through April 9, 1939. This project gave steady employment to thirty-six workers in the towns of Billerica, Wilmington and Concord, providing the various towns selected furnished labor, paid the transportation charges. The matter was carefully considered by all town officials who in one way or another might be interested parties and it was finally considered the logical thing to do was to hire busses to take care of transportation for these workers. The expenditure of around one thousand dollars in this manner meant a payroll of approximately eleven thousand dollars being turned into the town. While the local office holds no records as to the actual work done in the above towns, the work consisted of clearing fire lanes of fallen trees caused by the hurricane of September 1938 and the burning of large quantities of brush, etc.

### **Roadside Beautification**

Upon finishing the work in the above towns, the State being well pleased with the manner in which the above crew of men worked and the excellent supervision exercised over the crew — Mr. Leo J. Marks—being the foreman, the State asked and obtained permission to use the men in roadside beautification work in Lexington. This work lasted from April 10 until the second week in June.

### **Main Street Curb**

The group of men were transferred from Lexington to take care of curbing work in our local town and sidewalk curbing was laid the entire distance between Elm Street and Broadway on the Main Street. This work, in combination with our later sidewalk work gives a most excellent appearance to that section of the town. It also gives persons using the sidewalk a much greater degree of safety than heretofore. Formerly the sidewalk was several inches lower than the road surface and with no curbing and the Main Street so congested with traffic, the pedestrian on the sidewalk was ever in danger. This laying of curb has not only met with the approval of the residents of the town,

but is greatly appreciated by motorists using the North Main Street.

### **Federal Music Project**

The above mentioned project is a state-wide proposition. Different members employed on this project are selected for their outstanding musical ability. The town of Stoneham has but one local person so employed and is called upon to pay the town's share of operating the project, which amounts to a three dollar monthly average.

Respectfully submitted,

PERCIVAL H. WARDWELL,

W. P. A. Coordinator



## REPORT OF TOWN ACCOUNTANT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen.

Gentlemen: I submit herewith a report of the financial transactions of the Town for the year ending December 31, 1939, as set forth in the following schedules:

Receipts and Expenditures.

Balance Sheet (General Accounts).

Balance Sheet (Deferred Revenue Accounts).

Balance Sheet (Debt Accounts).

Statement of Appropriations.

Debt Statement.

Public Trust Funds with Balance Sheet.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES A. OWEN, Town Accountant

### REVENUE RECEIPTS

From Taxes — Current Year:

Real Estate Taxes .....	\$330,226.85
Personal Property Taxes .....	26,581.53
Poll Taxes .....	6,446.00
	—————\$363,254.38

Prior Years:

Real Estate Taxes .....	\$131,128.90
Personal Property Taxes .....	3,277.68
Poll Taxes .....	14.00
	—————\$134,420.58

From Commonwealth

Income Tax .....	\$ 36,134.22
Corporation Tax .....	1,840.56
	—————\$ 37,974.78

From Redemption of Tax Titles ..... \$ 21,674.40

From Licenses

Pedlars .....	\$ 32.00
Junk Collectors .....	75.00
Sunday Sales .....	160.00
Pool and Bowling .....	52.00
Victuallers .....	16.00
Revolvers .....	12.00
Automobile Dealers .....	75.00
Denatured Alcohol .....	10.00
Amusements .....	62.00
Taxi .....	7.00
Inn Holders .....	2.00
Intelligence Offices .....	4.00
Second Hand Dealer .....	2.00

Roller Skating .....	10.00	
Swine .....	4.00	
Garage and Gasoline .....	5.00	
Auctioneers .....	4.00	
Milk, Oleo, Ice Cream .....	89.00	
Massage .....	1.00	
Bottling .....	20.00	
Elevator Operators .....	11.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 653.00

From Permits:

Marriages .....	\$ 260.00	
Building .....	382.00	
Demolishing Buildings .....	6.00	
Moving Buildings .....	2.00	
Wiring .....	181.50	
Plumbing .....	145.00	
Dance .....	5.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 981.50

From Court Fines .....	\$	273.00
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From Privileges:

Motor Vehicle Excise, 1938 .....	\$ 309.58	
Motor Vehicle Excise, 1939 .....	19,318.44	
	<hr/>	\$ 19,628.02

From Grants and Gifts:

Commonwealth

Veterans' Exemptions .....	\$ 287.85	
Federal Old Age Assistance .....	28,432.09	
Federal Aid to Dependent Children .....	2,491.29	
Highway Fund, Chap. 232, 1939 .....	22,368.26	
Green Street Resurfacing .....	7,805.30	
Chapter 90 Road Maintenance .....	2,202.35	
Metropolitan District Commission		
Spot Pond Land Tax .....	1,885.48	

County

Green Street Resurfacing .....	4,140.89	
Chapter 90 Road Maintenance .....	2,202.35	
Dog Licenses .....	1,109.26	

Town of Wakefield

Green Street Resurfacing .....	598.32	
	<hr/>	\$73,523.44

From Special Assessments:

Moth .....	\$ 946.85	
Sewers .....	2,506.62	
Sidewalks .....	225.99	

Street Betterments .....	840.11	
	<hr/>	\$ 4,519.57
From Fees:		
Town Clerk .....	\$ 541.70	
Treasurer .....	198.90	
Tax Collector .....	497.55	
Sealer of Weights and Measures .....	53.03	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,291.18
From Town Departments:		
Armory Hall .....	\$ 60.00	
Town Hall .....	195.00	
Selectmen		
Advertising .....	24.50	
Taxi Badge .....	1.00	
Board of Survey .....	15.00	
Board of Appeal — Hearings .....	48.00	
Dog Officer .....	5.00	
Dental Clinic .....	109.15	
Tuberculosis Subsidy .....	620.71	
Tuberculosis Cases — Individuals .....	66.00	
Sewers .....	71.59	
Sewer Connections .....	1,267.31	
Highways .....	47.41	
Public Welfare		
Commonwealth .....	\$ 10,042.33	
Cities and Towns .....	7,878.76	
Individuals .....	402.54	
Infirmary — Board .....	886.61	
Aid to Dependent Children		
Commonwealth .....	362.11	
Old Age Assistance		
Commonwealth .....	20,979.93	
Cities and Towns .....	640.87	
Individuals .....	9.00	
Soldiers' Benefits		
State Aid .....	830.00	
Military Aid .....	710.00	
Schools		
Vocational Training .....	601.29	
Tuition Boston Wards .....	234.00	
Tuition State Wards .....	2,215.08	
English Speaking Classes .....	157.75	
Evening School Fees .....	112.00	
Miscellaneous .....	116.79	

Public Library

Fines .....	258.15	
Sale of Junk .....	.45	
Sale of Dean School Building .....	1.00	
Boulevard Maintenance Refund .....	1.20	
Return Premiums on Insurance .....	173.53	
		<hr/> \$ 49,144.06

From Water Department:

Metered Rates .....	\$ 53,413.28	
Hydrant Service .....	5,000.00	
Service Connections .....	2,351.87	
Miscellaneous .....	104.00	
		<hr/> \$ 60,869.15

From Cemeteries:

Sale of Lots and Graves .....	\$ 371.00	
Care of Lots .....	876.50	
Opening Graves .....	1,269.00	
Foundations and Repairs .....	261.00	
		<hr/> \$ 2,777.50

From Road Machinery Rentals ..... \$ 848.00

From Rent of Town Property ..... 591.50

From Town Scales ..... 2.40

From Interest

Delinquent Taxes .....	\$ 6,636.46	
Special Assessments .....	773.35	
Accrued Interest on Bonds Sold .....	36.10	
Returned by State on Tax Title Loans.....	345.12	
		<hr/> \$ 7,791.03

From Incomes of Trust Funds Used for

Purposes of Gifts:

J. W. MacDonald School Medal Fund .....	\$ 11.85	
Annie H. Brown Library Bldg. Fund .....	200.00	
Annie H. Brown Library Book Fund .....	373.69	
Richardson Library Fund .....	175.00	
G. L. W. Dike Library Fund .....	160.00	
Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund .....	2,350.00	
		<hr/> \$ 3,270.54

From East and South Schools Building Fund ..... \$ 13,000.00

From Municipal Loans:

Emergency Relief (Tax Titles) .....	\$ 3,500.00	
Town Hall Loan .....	47,500.00	
Premiums .....	36.00	
		<hr/> \$ 51,036.00

From Departmental Refunds .....	\$ 626.78
Total Revenue Receipts .....	\$848,150.81

### NON-REVENUE RECEIPTS

Anticipation of Revenue Loans .....	\$300,000.00
Dog Licenses from Town Clerk .....	1,483.80
Bottling Licenses Collected for State .....	20.00
Deposits for Services (Refunded) .....	571.77
Trust Funds Transactions .....	23,806.63
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	\$325,882.20
Grand Total Receipts .....	\$1,174,033.01

### Expenditures for Operation and Maintenance General Government

#### Moderator:

George E. MacNeil, Jr. ....	\$ 25.00
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#### Finance and Advisory Board:

Stationery, Printing, Etc. ....	99.45
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#### Selectmen:

Harry R. Dockam, Selectman .....	\$ 100.00
Almond H. Smith, Selectman .....	100.00
William D. Desmond, Selectman .....	100.00
Edna L. Tolman, Clerk .....	669.99
George N. Savard, Dog Officer .....	100.00
William H. Rolfe, Animal Inspector .....	200.00
Clerical & Stenographic Expense .....	25.50
Stationery and Postage .....	114.50
Printing and Advertising .....	97.97
Recording Fees .....	19.45
Destroying Dogs .....	25.00
Office Equipment .....	82.40
Association Dues .....	6.00
New Town Hall Dedication Expense .....	480.00
Miscellaneous .....	56.15
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	\$ 2,176.96

#### Accounting Department:

Charles A. Owen, Accountant .....	\$ 1,700.00
Printing, Stationery and Postage .....	43.40
Office Equipment .....	92.60
Miscellaneous .....	14.00
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	\$ 1,850.00

#### Treasury and Collecting Department:

George H. Holden, Treas. and Collector \$	2,500.00
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L. Clare Perry, Clerk .....	1,240.00
Walter G. Leavitt, Clerk .....	1,600.00
Other Clerk Hire .....	238.50
Stationery and Postage .....	704.69
Printing and Advertising .....	486.03
Carfares, Auto Hire, Etc. ....	4.50
Bonds, Deputies and Clerks .....	40.00
Recording Fees .....	68.80
Bonds, Treasurer .....	712.00
Office Equipment .....	100.03
Association Expense .....	19.00
Miscellaneous .....	28.44
	<hr/> \$ 7,741.99

Assessing Department:

Lawrence E. Doucett, Assessor .....	\$ 400.00
Harry S. Ford, Assesser .....	400.00
Arthur D. Kenney, Assessor .....	400.00
Harry A. Williams, Clerk .....	1,600.00
Beryle E. Kelley, Asst. Assessor .....	179.50
John E. Finnegan, Asst. Assessor .....	45.00
Carrie E. Bancroft, Asst. Assessor .....	37.75
Henry F. Blout, Asst. Assessor .....	37.75
Beryle E. Kelley, Clerical .....	41.00
Stationery and Postage .....	72.31
Printing and Advertising .....	126.25
Carfares, Auto Hire, Etc. ....	20.73
Office Machine Expense .....	26.70
Real Estate Transfers .....	65.06
Association Expense .....	104.30
Miscellaneous .....	36.45
	<hr/> \$ 3,592.80

Other Finance Offices and Accounts:

Certifying Notes .....	\$ 58.00
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Law Department:

John N. Kelly, Town Counsel .....	\$ 1,200.00
Stationery and Postage .....	6.00
Foreclosure Expense .....	397.75
Special Attorneys .....	10.00
Miscellaneous .....	33.30
	<hr/> \$ 1,647.05

Town Clerk's Department:

Charles A. Owen, Town Clerk .....	\$ 1,100.00
Stationery and Postage .....	76.64
Printing and Advertising .....	32.75

Town Clerk's Bond .....	10.00	
Miscellaneous .....	5.61	
		\$ 1,225.00
Elections and Registration:		
Daniel Cullinane, Registrar .....	\$ 50.00	
Fred A. Lawson, Registrar .....	50.00	
Alice E. Fedian, Registrar .....	25.00	
Martin F. McDonough, Registrar .....	25.00	
Charles A. Owen, Clerk .....	100.00	
Clerical Work .....	25.00	
Lillian Dahlgren, Asst. Registrar .....	233.75	
Clyde R. Dodge, Asst. Registrar .....	60.00	
Earl V. Smith, Asst. Registrar .....	44.00	
Gordon F. May, Asst. Registrar .....	36.25	
Robert Callahan, Asst. Registrar .....	35.00	
Gerald Driscoll, Asst. Registrar .....	42.50	
Ashton Clark, Asst. Registrar .....	39.50	
Election Officers .....	298.00	
Meals at Elections .....	69.75	
Carfare, Auto Hire, Etc. ....	10.20	
Stationery and Postage .....	43.38	
Printing and Advertising .....	271.80	
Loud Speaker at Town Meetings .....	40.00	
Miscellaneous .....	44.19	
		\$ 1,543.32
Street Lists .....		250.00
General Clerk Hire:		
Carol M. Corkum .....		1,040.00
Board of Appeal:		
Edna L. Tolman, Clerk .....	\$ 65.00	
Advertising, Postage, Etc. ....	35.00	
		\$ 100.00
Planning Board:		
Advertising, Stationery, Etc. ....		75.00
Town Offices (Bell Block)		
Eugene C. Lemoine, Janitor .....	\$ 350.00	
Rent .....	1,570.00	
Telephones .....	447.15	
Janitors Supplies .....	16.26	
Lighting .....	237.41	
Towel Rental .....	18.00	
Ice .....	31.32	
Spring Water .....	11.50	
Moving Safes .....	200.00	

Miscellaneous .....	8.15	
		\$ 2,889.79

#### Armory Hall:

George B. Williams, Janitor .....	\$ 1,166.60	
Fuel .....	11.88	
Light .....	86.32	
Janitor's Supplies .....	18.72	
Repairs .....	5.00	
Miscellaneous .....	35.50	
		\$ 1,324.02

#### New Town Hall and Offices:

George B. Williams, Custodian .....	\$ 233.40	
Eugene C. Lemoine, Janitor .....	70.00	
Other Employees .....	109.18	
Fuel .....	407.47	
Light .....	298.05	
Janitor's Supplies .....	88.98	
Floor Polisher .....	181.90	
Telephone .....	120.64	
Moving Expense .....	198.00	
Miscellaneous .....	46.64	
		\$ 1,754.26
Total General Government .....		\$ 27,392.64

### Protection of Persons and Property

#### Police Department:

Captain .....	\$ 2,800.07	
Sergeants .....	4,694.13	
Patrolmen .....	17,536.50	
Reserve Police .....	1,229.50	
Matron .....	156.00	
Equipment for Men .....	49.43	
Other Equipment .....	101.94	
Motor Equipment Operating Expenses ..	1,237.78	
Revolver Practice .....	93.98	
Fuel .....	168.46	
Light .....	220.71	
Building Maintenance .....	117.37	
Printing, Stationery and Postage .....	204.17	
Telephone .....	312.80	
Signal System .....	156.53	
Radio .....	173.75	
Miscellaneous .....	207.46	
		\$ 29,460.58

Police Radio:

R. C. A. Mfg. Co., Contract .....	1,835.00	
Miscellaneous .....	12.32	
		\$ 1,847.32
Officers at School Athletic Contests .....		\$ 100.00

Fire Department:

Chief .....	\$ 2,607.15	
Assistant Chief Engineer .....	210.00	
Permanent Men .....	12,655.50	
Call Men .....	3,690.00	
Apparatus .....	226.22	
Hose and Fittings .....	600.00	
Repairs .....	335.21	
Equipment for Men .....	203.14	
Other Equipment .....	100.75	
Operating Expense .....	255.39	
Fuel .....	324.90	
Light .....	255.32	
Alarm System .....	336.40	
Building Maintenance .....	169.25	
Laundry Work .....	66.62	
Stationery, Printing and Postage .....	9.70	
Telephone .....	71.76	
Miscellaneous .....	288.14	
		\$ 22,405.45
Hydrant Service .....		\$ 5,000.00

Sealing of Weights and Measures:

J. Algernon Forbes, Sealer .....	\$ 250.00	
Insurance .....	16.70	
Carfares, Etc. ....	14.50	
Stationery, Postage, Etc. ....	17.70	
		\$ 298.90

Inspection of Buildings:

Charles Baldwin, Inspector .....	\$ 450.00	
Edward M. Noonan, Inspector .....	81.25	
Albert R. Dutton, Inspector .....	406.25	
Expenses .....	37.50	
		\$ 975.00

Inspection of Wires:

Charles Baldwin, Inspector .....	\$ 300.00	
Edward M. Noonan, Inspector .....	56.25	
Albert R. Dutton, Inspector .....	281.25	
Expenses .....	37.50	
		\$ 675.00

Rifle Practice:

Range Rentals .....	\$ 368.49	
Transportation .....	93.00	
		\$ 461.49

Moth Extermination:

Percival H. Wardwell, Superintendent .....	\$ 1,110.60	
Labor .....	2,644.17	
Clerical .....	23.00	
Printing, Stationery, Etc. ....	29.25	
Telephone .....	35.28	
Insecticides .....	204.18	
Hardware and Tools .....	118.79	
Motor Equipment Expense .....	262.76	
Heater .....	79.95	
Miscellaneous .....	8.00	
		\$ 4,515.98

Planting and Trimming Trees:

Percival H. Wardwell, Warden .....	\$ 435.00	
Labor .....	2,632.76	
Hardware and Tools .....	134.84	
Truck Expense .....	195.09	
Miscellaneous .....	8.21	
		\$ 3,405.90

Total Protection of Persons and Property..... \$ 69,145.62

## Health and Sanitation

Board of Health:

George A. Hinchcliffe, Salary .....	\$ 50.00	
Lawrence E. Doucett, Salary .....	100.00	
Gordon F. May, Salary .....	100.00	
Clarence E. Lent, Salary .....	50.00	
George A. Hinchcliffe, Health Officer .....	900.00	
Gordon F. May, Health Officer .....	812.92	
Lawrence E. Doucett, Col. of Milk Sam. ....	250.00	
Thomas P. Devlin, Board of Health Physician .....	166.67	
Joseph H. Kerrgan, Board of Health Physician .....	33.33	
Wm. H. Rolfe, Slaughtering Inspector.....	10.00	
David Taggart, Plumbing Inspector .....	174.96	
David Martin, Plumbing Inspector .....	174.96	
Charles A. Owen, Agent .....	100.00	
Printing, Stationery, Postage, Etc. ....	82.83	
Telephone .....	36.30	



Other Administrative Expense .....	61.53	
Dog Clinic .....	58.28	
Contagious Diseases .....	313.00	
Tuberculosis .....	1,123.50	
Miscellaneous .....	20.15	
		\$ 4,618.43
Dental Clinic:		
Paul R. Cyphert, Dentist .....	\$ 900.00	
Miscellaneous .....	149.99	
		\$ 1,049.99
Board of Health Nurse:		
Dorcas Ames, Nurse .....		\$ 1,000.00
Middlesex County Tuberculosis Hospital:		
Assessment for Maintenance, Etc. ....		\$ 3,908.34
Vital Statistics:		
Births, Physicians .....	\$ 62.25	
Deaths, Undertakers .....	23.75	
		86.00
Sewer Maintenance:		
Albert E. Casey, Superintendent .....	\$ 250.00	
Harry N. Moulton, Clerk .....	132.00	
Labor .....	2,575.44	
Tools and Equipment .....	736.42	
Pipe and Fittings .....	189.24	
Truck Hire .....	4.00	
Pumping Stations — Electricity .....	286.55	
Pumping Stations — Water .....	35.75	
Pumping Stations — Repairs, Etc. ....	211.42	
Brick .....	45.00	
Telephone .....	47.65	
Stationery, Printing, Postage, Etc .....	8.80	
Miscellaneous .....	100.39	
		\$ 4,622.66
Sewer Services:		
Labor .....	\$ 1,001.47	
Pipe and Fittings .....	498.58	
Other Materials .....	95.62	
Miscellaneous .....	12.35	
		\$ 1,608.02
Sewer Construction:		
Labor .....	\$ 1,565.09	
Pipe and Fittings .....	232.47	
Other Materials .....	24.86	

Equipment .....	59.17	
Truck Hire .....	9.00	
Equipment Hire .....	49.00	
Miscellaneous .....	11.15	
		\$ 1,950.74
Removal and Disposal of Ashes and Garbage:		
C. H. Severance, Contract, Ashes .....	\$ 2,496.00	
Care of Dump .....	760.00	
Henry T. Meegan, Contract, Garbage .....	1,866.64	
		\$ 5,122.64
Comfort Station:		
Labor .....	\$ 156.00	
Water .....	11.00	
Repairs, Etc .....	19.85	
		\$ 186.85
Miscellaneous Ashes and Garbage .....		2.50
Total Health and Sanitation .....		\$24,156.17

## Highways

### Highways, General:

Albert E. Casey, Superintendent .....	\$ 1,750.00	
Harry N. Moulton, Clerk .....	957.00	
Other Clerical Expense .....	10.00	
Labor .....	18,561.95	
Stone, Gravel, Etc. ....	649.70	
Oil Tar, Etc. ....	5,124.86	
Other Materials .....	871.39	
Equipment and Repairs .....	886.44	
Motor Equipment Expenses .....	50.42	
Trucks and Teams .....	611.81	
Equipment Rental .....	85.00	
Light and Heat .....	75.72	
Telephone .....	137.16	
Stationery, Printing, Postage, Etc. ....	114.19	
Express .....	37.73	
Land Rental .....	45.00	
Miscellaneous .....	71.73	
		\$ 30,040.10

### Chapter 90, Road Maintenance, 1938:

Labor .....	\$ 726.48	
Oil Tar, Etc. ....	140.00	
Other Materials .....	103.97	
Equipment and Repairs .....	16.08	
Trucks and Teams .....	237.13	
		\$ 1,223.66

# Chapter 90, Road Maintenance, 1939:

Labor .....	\$ 1,806.61	
Broken Stone, Gravel, Etc. ....	403.02	
Oil Tar, Etc. ....	766.81	
Other Materials .....	262.31	
Equipment and Repairs .....	43.46	
Trucks and Teams .....	132.00	
Equipment Rental .....	41.25	
Miscellaneous .....	3.20	
		\$ 4,208.35

## Green Street Resurfacing:

Labor .....	\$ 2,378.60	
Stone, Gravel, Etc. ....	5.29	
Other Materials .....	203.14	
Equipment and Repairs .....	118.79	
Truck and Teams .....	132.00	
		\$ 2,837.82

## Sidewalks and Curbing:

Labor .....	\$ 2,241.75	
Materials .....	552.60	
Miscellaneous .....	28.57	
		\$ 2,822.92

## Snow or Ice Removal:

Labor .....	\$ 5,951.85	
Trucks .....	2,064.14	
Tools and Equipment .....	513.20	
Salt .....	126.93	
Sand .....	265.92	
Calcium Chloride .....	46.50	
Miscellaneous .....	59.76	
		\$ 9,028.30

## Street Railings:

Materials .....	\$ 69.05	
Labor .....	253.56	
Miscellaneous .....	2.16	
		\$ 324.77

## Road Machinery Fund:

Labor .....	\$1,257.85	
Repairs, Parts, Etc. ....	1,814.53	
Gas, Oil, Etc. ....	1,711.55	
Compressor .....	425.00	
Miscellaneous .....	62.29	
		\$ 5,271.22

**Street Signs and Beacons:**

Labor .....	505.66	
Signs and Guide Fences .....	99.18	
Materials .....	164.07	
Electric Current for Beacons .....	702.36	
Inspection and Repairs on Beacons .....	240.38	
Miscellaneous .....	11.96	
		<hr/> \$ 1,723.61

**Street Lighting:**

Electric Current .....	\$ 13,839.43	
Posts .....	54.00	
		<hr/> \$ 13,893.43

**Stone Bounds:**

Materials .....	24.40	
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Total Highways .....	\$ 71,398.58
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**Charities and Soldiers' Benefits****Public Welfare****Administration:**

Fred A. Schneider, Salary .....	\$ 100.00	
Alton W. Estes, Salary .....	100.00	
Frank M. Simons, Salary .....	100.00	
Daniel Cullinane, Agent .....	1,869.00	
Paul Houghton, Clerk .....	925.60	
Office Expenses .....	149.97	
		<hr/> \$ 3,244.57

**Town Physician:**

Thomas P. Devlin .....	\$ 1,000.00
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**Outside Relief:**

Groceries and Provisions .....	\$ 11,438.83	
Fuel .....	2,888.31	
Board and Care .....	2,613.95	
Medical Care .....	3,705.07	
State Institutions .....	1,657.56	
Clothing .....	487.81	
Burial Expenses .....	325.00	
Rent .....	5,940.19	
Paid Other Cities and Towns .....	3,262.57	
Assessment for Surplus Commodities .....	368.53	
Warehouse Rent .....	60.00	
Cash Grants .....	3,706.84	
Miscellaneous .....	222.06	
		<hr/> \$ 36,676.72

Infirmary:

William H. Rolfe, Superintendent .....	\$ 750.00
Gertrude Rolfe, Matron .....	750.00
Labor .....	1,959.69
Groceries and Provisions .....	2,232.42
Dry Goods and Clothing .....	42.15
Fuel and Light .....	868.53
Building Maintenance .....	138.66
Hay and Grain .....	177.40
Other Farm Expenses .....	771.95
Farm and Home Equipment .....	44.95
Telephone .....	77.18
Medicine .....	115.13
Laundry Expense .....	47.62
Truck Expense .....	69.89
Papers and Stationery Supplies .....	39.90
Household Supplies .....	53.38
Asphalt Tile .....	265.58
Miscellaneous .....	32.70
	<hr/> \$ 8,437.13

Total Public Welfare ..... \$ 49,358.42

Aid to Dependent Children

Aid to Dependent Children (Town Funds):

Daniel Cullinane, Agent .....	\$ 231.00
Paul Houghton, Clerk .....	114.40
Office Expense .....	24.22
General Relief .....	2,021.43
	<hr/> \$ 9,385.13

Aid to Dependent Children (Federal Funds):

Clerical Labor .....	\$ 183.13
Office Expense .....	70.68
General Relief .....	2,021.43
	<hr/> \$ 2,275.24

Total Aid to Dependent Children ..... \$ 11,660.37

Old Age Assistance

Old Age Assistance (Town Funds):

Robert O'Loughlin, Agent .....	\$ 850.00
Office Expense .....	237.54
Cash Grants .....	31,890.88
Board and Care .....	116.05
Burial Expense .....	646.59
Medicine .....	41.66
Paid Other Cities and Towns .....	519.45
	<hr/> \$ 34,302.17



Old Age Assistance (Federal Funds):

Robert O'Loughlin, Agent .....	\$ 650.00
Clerical Labor .....	30.00
Office Expense .....	242.58
Cash Grants .....	27,102.81
Paid Other Cities and Towns .....	346.00
Miscellaneous .....	64.43
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	\$ 28,435.82
Total Old Age Assistance .....	\$ 62,737.99

State Aid:

Civil War .....	\$ 240.00
Spanish War .....	120.00
World War .....	260.00
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	\$ 620.00

Military Aid:

World War .....	\$ 1,100.00
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Soldiers' Relief:

Cash Grants, Civil War .....	\$ 342.00
World War:	
Cash Grants .....	\$ 6,261.00
Fuel .....	792.76
Groceries .....	894.00
Clothing .....	25.05
Medicine and Medical Attendance .....	340.39
Rent .....	465.00
Administration Expense .....	6.00
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	\$ 9,126.20

Soldiers' Burials .....	\$ 96.71
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Total Charities and Soldiers' Benefits .....	\$134,699.69
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**Schools and Library**

**Schools, General**

General Administration:

Charles E. Varney, Superintendent .....	\$ 4,000.00
Clerks .....	3,520.00
Printing, Stationery, Postage .....	225.87
Telephone .....	493.57
Traveling Expenses .....	243.82
Attendance Officer .....	75.00
Miscellaneous .....	83.22
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	\$ 8,641.48

Teachers' Salaries:

Supervisors and Special Teachers .....	\$ 18,354.66
High .....	35,284.15

Junior High .....	23,372.25	
Elementary .....	42,881.20	
Evening .....	429.00	
		—\$120,321.26

Text Books and School Room Supplies:

Books, High .....	\$ 2,458.98	
Supplies, High .....	2,643.93	
Books, Elementary .....	904.60	
Supplies, Elementary .....	1,169.48	
		—————\$ 7,176.99
Transportation of Pupils .....		1,061.70

Furniture and Furnishings:

High .....	540.41	
Elementary .....	54.40	
		—————\$ 594.81

Graduation Expense .....	173.38
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High School Maintenance:

Janitors .....	\$ 3,400.00	
Fuel .....	2,434.41	
Light .....	1,809.81	
Repairs .....	462.97	
Water .....	152.32	
Janitors' Supplies .....	365.90	
Maintenance Man .....	1,700.00	
Miscellaneous .....	110.67	
		—————\$ 10,436.08

Elementary Maintenance:

Janitors .....	\$ 4,808.72	
Fuel .....	1,500.58	
Light .....	1,189.16	
Repairs .....	301.68	
Janitors' Supplies .....	346.04	
Water .....	293.25	
Miscellaneous .....	141.08	
		—————\$ 8,580.51

Health:

School Nurse .....	\$ 2,000.00	
Physician .....	750.00	
Traveling Expense .....	201.96	
Miscellaneous .....	102.63	
		—————\$ 3,054.59

Miscellaneous General Expense .....	507.03
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\$160,547.83

**Americanization School:**

Supervisor .....	\$ 67.00	
Teachers .....	245.00	
Miscellaneous .....	21.20	
	<hr/>	\$ 333.20

**Trade Schools:**

Lynn .....	\$ 18.50	
Medford .....	46.53	
Somerville .....	410.77	
Boston .....	487.20	
Cambridge .....	5.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 968.00

MacDonald Fund Medals .....	11.85
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**Public Library**

Martha A. Jackson, Librarian .....	\$ 1,699.92	
Assistants .....	2,567.75	
Janitors .....	829.60	
Other Employees .....	310.90	
Books .....	1,266.35	
Periodicals .....	194.85	
Binding .....	388.24	
Fuel .....	281.59	
Light .....	402.44	
Repairs .....	440.26	
Furniture, Etc. ....	34.76	
Other Building Expense .....	175.80	
Printing, Stationery, Etc. ....	161.01	
Telephone .....	89.97	
Miscellaneous .....	64.85	
	<hr/>	\$ 8,908.29

Total Schools and Library .....	\$170,769.17
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**Recreation and Unclassified****Parks and Playgrounds:**

Percival H. Wardwell, Superintendent .....	\$ 463.68	
Labor .....	2,565.79	
Equipment and Repairs .....	223.82	
Automotive Equipment Expense .....	155.55	
Telephone .....	18.32	
Office Expense .....	51.45	
Water .....	219.62	
Seed .....	390.00	
Plumbing Supplies .....	37.13	
Lumber, Etc. ....	86.96	
Shingling Shelter .....	34.90	

Skating Rink Expense .....	91.87	
Engineering Expense .....	65.80	
Miscellaneous .....	148.75	
	<hr/>	\$ 4,553.64
Damage Claims .....		993.00
Memorial Day:		
Music .....	\$ 175.00	
Grave Markers .....	54.40	
Flags .....	76.51	
Wreaths .....	208.80	
Refreshments .....	70.45	
Miscellaneous .....	6.20	
	<hr/>	\$ 591.36
Veterans' Rent:		
United Spanish War Veterans .....	\$ 400.00	
American Legion .....	400.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 800.00
Care of Soldiers' Graves:		
Lindenwood Cemetery .....	\$ 250.00	
St. Patrick's Cemetery .....	300.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 550.00
Fire Insurance:		
Frank G. Elliott .....	\$ 100.00	
Associated Mutuels .....	4,577.54	
	<hr/>	\$ 4,677.84
Automobile Insurance:		
Auto. Liability, Associated Mutuels .....	\$ 1,096.18	
Auto. Fire, Associated Mutuels .....	127.65	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,223.83
Compensation and Liability Insurance:		
Frank G. Elliott .....	\$ 840.52	
Associated Mutuels .....	1,662.51	
	<hr/>	\$ 2,503.03
Boiler Insurance:		
Associated Mutuels .....		510.21
Burglary Insurance:		
Associated Mutuels .....		133.28
General Liability Insurance:		
Associated Mutuels .....		\$ 125.00
Printing Town Reports:		
George R. Barnstead & Son .....		708.00
Travel Outside the Commonwealth:		
School Department .....		110.15

Christmas Lighting:

W. I. Thompson & Son, Contract .....	\$ 192.00
Supplies .....	7.56
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	\$ 199.56

Retirement System .....	9,525.00
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Total Recreation and Unclassified .....	\$ 27,203.90
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**W. P. A. Expenses**

Administration:

Percival H. Wardwell, Co-ordinator .....	\$ 520.00
Effie E. Moulter, Clerk .....	1,144.00
Earl V. Smith, Clerk .....	953.00
Other Clerical Services .....	13.63
Telephone .....	143.09
Stationery, Postage, Etc. ....	77.30
Office Equipment .....	7.16
Heat .....	684.55
Water .....	45.32
Miscellaneous .....	30.31
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	\$ 3,618.36

Projects:

Franklin Street Sewer .....	\$ 6,982.54
Cement Sidewalks .....	7,041.42
Sewing .....	3,287.47
Store .....	494.65
Master Map .....	785.55
Supervised Recreation .....	1,516.07
Lindenwood Cemetery Wall .....	66.11
Household Aids .....	79.27
Tools and Equipment .....	324.81
Cleaning .....	71
Central Street Sewer .....	477.31
Main Street Sewer .....	1,585.49
Skating Rink .....	176.48
Gould Meadow .....	2,442.05
Brackett-Richardson Avenues Sewers .....	851.10
Civic Center Grading .....	3,254.84
Stump Removal .....	46.35
Transportation .....	1,578.85
Moth .....	38.59
Rustic-Sunset Sewer .....	1.34
Music .....	22.50
Summerhill Street Sewer .....	4.50
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	\$ 31,058.00

Total W. P. A. ....	\$ 34,676.36
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## Enterprises and Cemeteries

### Water Maintenance:

Albert E. Casey, Superintendent .....	\$1,000.00
Harry N. Moulton, Clerk .....	594.00
Edna L. Tolman, Clerk .....	370.01
Stationery, Printing and Postage .....	378.91
Telephone .....	46.15
Miscellaneous Office Expense .....	80.87
Labor .....	5,448.18
Pipe and Fittings .....	970.51
Meters and Fittings .....	923.54
Other Materials .....	139.32
Freight .....	38.72
Equipment and Tools .....	771.67
Motor Equipment Expense .....	182.87
Miscellaneous .....	149.64
	<hr/> \$ 11,094.39

### Water Services:

Labor .....	\$ 955.68
Pipe and Fittings .....	763.02
Truck and Equipment Rental .....	84.00
Miscellaneous .....	11.89
	<hr/> \$ 1,814.59

### Water Mains, Extensions and Relays:

Labor .....	\$ 2,685.84
Pipe and Fittings .....	2,195.98
Other Materials .....	148.37
Equipment and Tools .....	16.84
Truck and Equipment Hire .....	67.04
Miscellaneous .....	4.37
	<hr/> \$ 5,118.44

### Lindenwood Cemetery:

Robert H. Messer, Clerk .....	\$ 1,051.17
Other Clerical Expense .....	27.50
Labor .....	4,788.89
Tools .....	85.34
Truck Expense .....	304.96
Seed and Flowers .....	293.75
Tent .....	245.05
Plumbing Supplies and Repairs .....	116.82
Engineering Expense .....	30.00
Stone and Asphalt .....	330.78
Water .....	15.95
Equipment Hire .....	138.00

Miscellaneous .....	54.68	
	<hr/>	\$ 7,482.89
Lindenwood Cemetery Fence:		
Security Fence Co., Contract .....	\$ 2,461.25	
Miscellaneous .....	36.50	
	<hr/>	\$ 2,497.75
Pleasant Street Cemetery .....	\$ 198.83	
Town Scales:		
Arthur O. Wheeler, Weigher .....	\$ 40.00	
Rent of Land .....	1.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 41.00
Civic Center Property:		
Custodian .....	\$ 45.00	
Repairs .....	4.75	
Water .....	40.26	
Insurance .....	41.05	
Taxes .....	1,765.40	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,896.46
Total Enterprises and Cemeteries .....		\$ 30,144.35

### Interest and Maturing Debt

#### Interest:

Anticipation of Revenue Loans .....	\$ 677.00	
Tax Title Loan .....	467.40	
School Loans .....	5,560.00	
Highway Loans .....	317.50	
Sewer Loans .....	22.50	
Water Loans .....	655.00	
Town Hall Loan .....	250.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 7,949.40

#### Debt:

Tax Title Loan .....	\$ 22,862.70	
School Loans .....	33,000.00	
Highway Loans .....	9,000.00	
Sewer Loans .....	500.00	
Water Loans .....	7,000.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 72,362.70

Total Interest and Maturing Debt ..... \$ 80,312.10

#### Temporary Loan:

Anticipation of Revenue .....	300,000.00
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### Agency, Trusts and Refunds

#### State Taxes and Assessments:

State Tax .....	\$ 41,040.00
Wellington Bridge Maintenance .....	325.25
Abatement of Smoke Nuisance .....	159.49

Auditing Municipal Accounts .....	2,857.16
Veterans' Hospital Care .....	12.10
Investigation Soldiers' Relief .....	95.56
West Roxbury-Brookline Parkway .....	.04
	<hr/> \$ 44,489.60

Metropolitan District Assessments:

Metropolitan Parks .....	\$ 6,197.91
Nantasket Beach .....	364.98
Charles River Basin .....	1,433.99
Metropolitan Sewer System .....	10,011.16
Metropolitan Water System .....	26,210.93
Metropolitan Planning .....	110.67
	<hr/> \$ 44,329.64

County Tax:

County Tax .....	\$ 19,596.35
Dog Tax .....	1,470.00
	<hr/> \$ 21,066.35

Bottling Licenses Collected for State .....	\$ 20.00
Trust Funds Transactions .....	\$ 24,921.27

Refunds:

Taxes Abated After Payment .....	\$ 2,910.92
Excise Taxes Abated After Payment .....	181.69
Water Rates .....	27.89
Moth Assessments .....	2.00
Interest .....	10.45
Deposits for Sewer Services .....	138.74
Deposits for Water Services .....	433.03
Water Liens .....	1.50
Sewer Assessments .....	10.72
Poll Taxes .....	6.00
	<hr/> 3,722.94

Departmental Payments Refunded .....	626.78
Transferred to Town Hall Building Fund .....	47,500.00
Treasurer's Cash Discrepancy .....	247.66

Total Agency, Trust and Refunds .....	\$186,924.24
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### Recapitulation of Expenditures

Departmental Expenditures .....	\$589,586.48
Interest and Maturing Debt .....	80,312.10
Temporary Loans .....	300,000.00
Agency, Trusts and Refunds .....	186,924.24
	<hr/> \$1,156,822.82

## Cash Account

Receipts .....	\$1,174,033.01	
Cash Balance, January 1, 1939 .....	86,484.79	
		<hr/> \$1,260,517.80
Payments .....	\$1,156,822.82	
Cash Balance, December 31, 1939 .....	103,694.98	
		<hr/> \$1,260,517.80

## Transfers From Reserve Fund

Appropriation .....	\$ 10,000.00
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### Transfers:

Selectmen's Miscellaneous .....	\$ 200.00
Treasurer's Expense .....	315.00
Treasurer's and Collector's Bonds .....	43.00
Assessors' Expense .....	50.00
Other Finance Accounts .....	8.00
Legal Expense .....	150.00
Town Hall .....	1,000.00
Police .....	450.00
Highways .....	50.00
Snow Removal .....	1,528.30
Chap. 90 Road Maintenance (1938) .....	400.00
Road Machinery Fund .....	300.00
Street Signs and Beacons .....	25.00
Soldiers' Burials .....	96.71
W. P. A. Projects .....	100.00
Motor Vehicle Liability Insurance .....	17.58
Compensation Insurance .....	28.25
Burglary Insurance .....	133.28
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Total Transfers .....	4,895.12
Balance .....	5,104.88
	<hr/> \$ 10,000.00

## BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31, 1939

### General Accounts

#### Assets

#### Cash:

General .....	\$103,666.42
Petty Cash .....	200.00
	<hr/> \$103,866.42

#### Accounts Receivable:

##### Taxes:

Levy of 1932 — Real Estate .....	\$ 26.10
Levy of 1933 — Real Estate .....	24.30

Levy of 1934 — Real Estate .....	24.30	
Levy of 1935 — Real Estate .....	39.20	
Levy of 1936 — Real Estate .....	331.22	
Levy of 1937 — Real Estate .....	1,942.86	
Levy of 1938 — Polls .....	4.00	
Levy of 1938 — Personal .....	375.84	
Levy of 1938 — Real Estate .....	47,454.23	
Levy of 1939 — Polls .....	654.00	
Levy of 1939 — Personal .....	3,022.54	
Levy of 1939 — Real Estate .....	144,005.93	
		<hr/> \$ 197,904.52
Tax Titles Held by Town .....	59,095.99	
Tax Titles, Foreclosed .....	983.93	
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax:		
Levy of 1938 .....	133.04	
Levy of 1939 .....	1,055.33	
		<hr/> \$ 1,188.37
Special Assessments:		
Moth, 1936 .....	\$ 1.00	
Moth, 1937 .....	4.15	
Moth, 1938 .....	129.45	
Moth, 1939 .....	432.75	
Sewer, 1935 .....	58.16	
Sewer, 1936 .....	36.38	
Sewer, 1937 .....	42.57	
Sewer, 1938 .....	98.48	
Sewer, 1939 .....	1,222.04	
Sewer, 1939 — Unapportioned .....	7,232.40	
Sidewalk, 1938 .....	105.88	
Sidewalk, 1939 .....	11.15	
Sidewalk, 1939 — Unapportioned .....	408.96	
Street Betterments, 1932 .....	278.96	
Street Betterments, 1938 .....	165.36	
Street Betterments, 1939 .....	772.98	
		<hr/> \$ 11,000.67
Departmental:		
Sewer Services .....	\$ 1,028.54	
Welfare Aid .....	10,281.18	
Aid to Dependent Children .....	3,728.59	
Old Age Assistance .....	2,666.98	
Highways .....	291.50	
State Aid .....	620.00	
Military Aid .....	550.00	
Uncollected Water Rates .....	11,480.10	
Water Services .....	403.36	
		<hr/> \$ 31,050.25



Committed Interest on Special Assessments:

Levy of 1937 .....	\$	1.98	
Levy of 1938 .....		59.26	
Levy of 1939 .....		362.99	
		<hr/>	\$ 424.23

Anticipated Receipts for Highway Work:

Green Street .....	\$	1,354.26	
Road Maintenance .....		303.65	
		<hr/>	\$ 1,657.91

State and County Taxes and Assessments in  
excess of State Estimates .....

120.36

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\$407,292.65

**Liabilities and Reserves**

Temporary Loans in Anticipation of Revenue  
of 1939 .....

\$200,000.00

Special Funds:

Sale of Lots and Graves .....	\$	4,746.00	
Premiums on Loans .....		36.00	
Dog Licenses Due County .....		17.40	
Deposits for Services .....		889.40	
		<hr/>	\$ 5,688.80

Accounts Payable:

Unexpended Balances of

Appropriations .....\$ 4,614.88

U. S. Grants:

Old Age Assistance Adm. ....	59.47
Old Age Assistance Relief .....	5.61
Aid to Dependent Children, Adm. ....	15.09
Aid to Dependent Children, Relief .....	201.19

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\$ 4,896.24

Overlays Reserved for Abatement of Taxes:

Levy of 1935 .....	39.20
Levy of 1936 .....	34.85
Levy of 1937 .....	942.80
Levy of 1938 .....	7,741.15
Levy of 1939 .....	9,534.88

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\$ 18,292.88

Revenue Reserved Until Collected:

Motor Vehicle Excise .....	\$ 1,188.37
Moth .....	567.35
Sewers .....	8,690.03
Sidewalks .....	525.99
Street Betterments .....	1,217.30
Sewer Services .....	1,028.54
Water Rates .....	11,480.10
Water Services .....	403.36

Committed Interest .....	424.23	
Tax Titles Held by Town .....	60,079.92	
Departmental Accounts .....	18,138.25	
		<hr/> \$103,743.44
Surplus Revenue:		
Excess and Deficiency .....	70,862.41	
Uncollected Checks .....	33.35	
Treasurer's Cash Discrepancy .....	330.85	
State Taxes and Assessments Less than		
State Estimate .....	3,444.68	
		<hr/> \$407,292.65

# **LIST OF INDEBTEDNESS INCURRED AND UNPAID** **DECEMBER 31, 1939 — W. P. A. PROJECTS**

## **Brackett-Richardson Ave. Sewer Project:**

Dockam's Express, Inc. ....	\$ 27.50
Socony Vacuum Oil Co., Inc. ....	104.66
Edward F. Bourgeau .....	36.00
Cutter Renewal Co. ....	30.25
Curry Brothers Oil Co. ....	5.00
Fred D'Anolfo .....	15.75
Wilbur W. Fiske Co. ....	13.60
Hydraulic Development Co. ....	5.93
Keenan's Express Co. ....	1.60
Wm. Kelch and Son .....	60.00
A. H. Lynds Iron Works .....	2.25
H. McCarthy .....	10.00
Maurice H. McKenna Coal Co. ....	22.40
Henry T. Meegan .....	30.89
Joseph Mustone .....	5.63
E. W. Schaefer .....	1.00
Peter Vacca .....	9.00
C. M. White Iron Works .....	30.50

## **Civic Center Grading Project:**

William C. Doherty, Inc. ....	\$ 26.22
Fred D'Anolfo .....	31.50
Bell Hardware Co. ....	3.22
Edward F. Bourgeau .....	18.00
Keenan's Express .....	3.38
Maurice H. McKenna Coal Co. ....	45.00
Henry T. Meegan .....	420.98
Melley Grain Co. ....	6.20
Middlesex Drug Co. ....	2.32
Henry Pagliuca .....	5.63
A. J. Wolfe Co. ....	183.00
Lawrence Laudazi .....	25.37

## **Housekeeping Aids Project:**

Wentworth's Taxi Service .....	\$ 2.25
Charles Poole .....	6.50

## **Cement Sidewalks Project:**

William A. Bears .....	\$ 22.50
Bell Hardware Co. ....	2.00
Everett Berry's Filling Station .....	19.13
Edward F. Bourgeau .....	24.06
Fred D'Anolfo .....	189.00
Dockam's Express, Inc. ....	40.50
Wilbur W. Fiske Co. ....	1.25

Lawrence Laudazi .....	7.38
Henry T. Meegan .....	488.40
Harry N. Moulton .....	28.00
Joseph Mustone .....	85.50
Henry Pagliuca .....	87.75
S. Rotondi & Sons .....	36.00
A. P. Rounds .....	24.75
Stoneham Garage .....	22.50
Maurice H. McKenna Coal Co. ....	377.08
Socony-Vacuum Oil Co. Inc. ....	109.94
Stoneham Lumber Co. ....	29.63
Trimount Bituminous Products Co. ....	22.73
Peter Vacca .....	154.13
<b>Sewing Project:</b>	
J. A. Armstrong & Sons Co. ....	\$ 18.96
Koplow Trimming Co., Inc. ....	4.58
Middlesex Drug Co. ....	.94
Boston Edison Co. ....	20.02
Harding Typewriter Co. ....	10.00
Sears, Roebuck and Co. ....	7.26
<b>Master Map Project:</b>	
Socony-Vacuum Oil Co., Inc. ....	\$ 8.04
Stoneham Lumber Co. ....	3.05
Bell Hardware Co. ....	1.10
Stoneham Motor Co. ....	.47
B. L. Makepeace, Inc. ....	17.87
<b>Summerhill St. Sewer Project:</b>	
Wm. Kelch and Son .....	23.25
<b>Tool and Equipment Project:</b>	
Bell Hardware Co. ....	1.09
<b>Recreation Project:</b>	
Stoneham Independent .....	2.00
<b>Franklin St. Sewer Project:</b>	
Harry N. Moulton .....	28.00
Keenan's Express .....	1.50
<b>Commodity Store Project:</b>	
Stoneham Coal Co. ....	\$ 10.75
The Nada Corporation .....	7.80
E. W. Schaefer .....	.15
Bell Hardware Co. ....	.97
Tegran M. Samour .....	20.00
Connors Brothers .....	13.12
<b>Gould Meadow Project:</b>	
S. Rotondi & Sons .....	167.29
Keenan's Express .....	1.50
<b>Total, All Projects .....</b>	<b>\$3,333.97</b>

# APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES

	Appropriations	Other Credits	Total	Expended	Balance Dec. 31, '39
<b>General Government:</b>					
Moderator .....	\$ 25.00	.....	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	.....
Finance and Advisory Board .....	100.00	.....	100.00	99.45	.55
Selectmen's Salaries .....	300.00	.....	300.00	300.00	.....
Selectmen's Miscellaneous .....	1,700.00 R	200.00	1,900.00	1,876.96	23.04
Accounting Department .....	1,850.00	.....	1,850.00	1,850.00	.....
Treasurer and Collector, Salary .....	2,500.00	.....	2,500.00	2,500.00	.....
Treasurer and Collector, Expenses .....	4,325.00 R	315.00	4,640.00	4,529.99	.....
Treasurer and Collector, Bonds .....	669.00 R	43.00	712.00	712.00	.....
Assessors, Salaries .....	1,200.00	.....	1,200.00	1,200.00	.....
Assessors, Clerk .....	1,600.00	.....	1,600.00	1,600.00	.....
Assistant Assessors .....	300.00	.....	300.00	300.00	.....
Street Lists .....	250.00	.....	250.00	250.00	.....
Assessors' Expenses .....	450.00 R	50.00	500.00	492.80	7.20
Other Finance Offices and Accounts .....	50.00 R	8.00	58.00	58.00	.....
Legal Department .....	1,900.00 R	150.00	2,050.00	1,647.05	402.95
Town Clerk, Salary .....	1,100.00	.....	1,100.00	1,100.00	.....
Town Clerk, Expenses .....	125.00	.....	125.00	125.00	.....
Elections and Registration .....	1,675.00	.....	1,675.00	1,543.32	131.68
General Clerk Hire .....	1,040.00	.....	1,040.00	1,040.00	.....
Board of Appeal .....	100.00	.....	100.00	100.00	.....
Planning Board .....	75.00	.....	75.00	75.00	.....
Town Hall and Offices .....	5,000.00 R	1,000.00	6,000.00	5,968.07	31.93
	1,766.00		28,100.00	27,392.64	707.36
	\$26,334.00				



# APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES

	Appropriations	Other Credits	Total	Expended	Balance Dec. 31, '39
<b>Protections of Persons and Property:</b>					
Police Department .....	\$29,013.00	\$ 450.00	\$29,463.00	\$29,460.58	\$2.42
Officers at School Athletic Contests .....	100.00	.....	100.00	100.00	.....
Police Radio .....	1,850.00	.....	1,850.00	1,847.32	2.68
Fire Department .....	22,418.00	.....	22,418.00	22,405.45	12.55
Hydrant Service .....	5,000.00	.....	5,000.00	5,000.00	.....
Rifle Practice .....	600.00	.....	600.00	461.49	138.51
Sealing of Weights and Measures .....	300.00	.....	300.00	298.90	1.10
Inspector of Buildings .....	975.00	.....	975.00	975.00	.....
Inspector of Wires .....	675.00	.....	675.00	675.00	.....
Moth Suppression .....	4,516.00	.....	4,516.00	4,515.98	.02
Tree Warden, Salary .....	435.00	.....	435.00	435.00	.....
Planting and Care of Shade Trees .....	2,973.00	.....	2,973.00	2,970.90	2.10
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	\$450.00		\$69,305.00	\$69,145.62	\$159.38

68,855.00

# APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES

	Appropriations	Other Credits	Total	Expended	Balance Dec. 31, '39
<b>Health and Sanitation:</b>					
Board of Health, Salaries	\$ 300.00		\$300.00	\$300.00	\$.....
Health Officer	1,800.00		1,800.00	1,712.92	87.08
Board of Health, General	3,425.00		3,425.00	2,605.51	819.49
Middlesex County Tuberculosis Hospital	3,908.34		3,908.34	3,908.34	.....
Vital Statistics	100.00		100.00	86.00	14.00
Dental Clinic	1,050.00		1,050.00	1,049.99	.01
Board of Health, Nurse	1,000.00		1,000.00	1,000.00	.....
Diphtheria Immunization	60.00		60.00	.....	60.00
Sewer Maintenance	4,855.00		4,855.00	4,622.66	232.34
Sewer Services	1,958.00		1,958.00	1,608.02	349.98
Sewer Construction	1,960.00		1,960.00	1,950.74	9.26
Care of Dump	760.00		760.00	760.00	.....
Disposal of Ashes	2,496.00		2,496.00	2,496.00	.....
Disposal of Garbage	1,900.00		1,900.00	1,866.64	33.36
Miscellaneous Ashes and Garbage	25.00		25.00	2.50	22.50
Comfort Station	200.00		200.00	186.85	13.15
	<u>\$25,797.34</u>		<u>\$25,797.34</u>	<u>\$24,156.17</u>	<u>\$1,641.17</u>

# APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES

	Appropriations	Other Credits	Total	Expended	Balance Dec. 31, '39
<b>Highways:</b>					
Highways, General .....	\$30,000.00 R	\$ 50.00	\$30,050.00	\$30,040.10	\$9.90
Green Street Resurfacing .....	S	12,544.51	12,544.51	2,837.82	
				‡ 10,178.46	* 471.77
Chapter 90 Road Maintenance '38 .....	S	920.83		1,223.66	
	R	400.00	1,320.83	85.98	11.19
Chapter 90 Road Maintenance '39 .....	S	2,404.70	3,904.70	4,208.35	* 303.65
Sidewalks and Edgestones .....			2,825.00	2,822.02	2.08
Snow Removal .....	R	1,528.30	9,028.30	9,028.30	
Traffic Signals and Street Signs .....	R	25.00	1,725.00	1,723.61	1.39
Street Railings .....			325.00	324.77	.23
Stone Bounds .....			25.00	24.40	.60
Street Lighting .....			14,500.00	13,893.43	606.57
Road Machinery Fund .....	H	848.00			
	R	300.00	5,664.83	5,271.22	393.61
		\$19,021.34	81,913.17	\$71,398.58	\$1,025.57
				‡ 10,264.44	* 775.42

# APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES

	Appropriations	Other Credits	Total	Expended	Balance Dec. 31, '39
<b>Charities and Soldiers' Benefits:</b>					
Board of Public Welfare, Salaries .....	\$ 300.00	.....	\$300.00	\$300.00	.....
Board of Public Welfare, Agent .....	1,869.00	.....	1,869.00	1,869.00	.....
Board of Public Welfare, Clerk .....	925.60	.....	925.60	925.60	.....
Board of Public Welfare, Physician .....	1,000.00	.....	1,000.00	1,000.00	.....
Board of Public Welfare, Administration .....	150.00	.....	150.00	149.97	.03
Board of Public Welfare, Outside Relief .....	41,950.00	.....	41,950.00	36,676.72	5,273.28
Board of Public Welfare, Infirmary .....	8,450.00	.....	8,450.00	8,437.13	12.87
Aid to Dep. Chil., Agent (Town Funds) .....	231.00	.....	231.00	231.00	.....
Aid to Dep. Chil., Clerk (Town Funds) .....	114.40	.....	114.40	114.40	.....
Aid to Dep. Chil., Admin. (Town Funds) .....	25.00	.....	25.00	24.22	.78
Aid to Dep. Chil., Relief (Town Funds) .....	10,264.00	.....	10,264.00	9,015.51	1,248.49
Aid to Dep. Chil., Admin. (Fed. Funds) .....	F	268.90	268.90	253.81	15.09
Aid to Dep. Chil., Relief (Fed. Funds) .....	F	2,222.62	2,222.62	2,021.43	201.19
Old Age Assist., Supervisor (Town Funds) .....	850.00	.....	850.00	850.00	.....
Old Age Assist., Admin. (Town Funds) .....	250.00	.....	250.00	237.54	12.46
Old Age Assist., Relief (Town Funds) .....	38,531.20	.....	38,531.20	33,214.63	5,316.57
Old Age Assist., Admin., (Fed. Funds) .....	F	982.05	982.05	922.58	59.47
Old Age Assist., Relief (Fed. Funds) .....	F	27,518.85	27,518.85	27,513.24	5.61
State and Military Aid .....	2,500.00	.....	2,600.00	1,720.00	780.00
Soldiers' Relief .....	10,000.00	.....	10,000.00	9,126.20	873.80
Soldiers' Burials .....	R	96.71	96.71	96.71	.....
		<u>\$31,089.13</u>	<u>\$148,499.33</u>	<u>\$134,699.69</u>	<u>\$13,799.64</u>

# APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES

	Appropriations	Other Credits	Total	Expended	Balance Dec. 31, '39
<b>Schools and Library:</b>					
Schools, General	\$163,485.00	.....	\$163,485.00	\$160,547.83	\$2,937.17
Schools, Americanization	500.00	.....	500.00	333.20	166.80
Trade Schools	1,000.00	.....	1,000.00	968.00	32.00
MacDonald School Medals	T	11.85	11.85	11.85	.....
Public Library	8,000.00 T	908.69	8,908.69	8,908.29	.40
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	\$172,985.00	\$920.54	\$173,905.54	\$170,769.17	\$3,136.37



# APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES

	Appropriations	Other Credits	Total	Expended	Balance Dec. 31, '39
<b>Recreation and Unclassified:</b>					
Parks and Playgrounds .....	\$ 4,560.00	.....	\$ 4,560.00	\$ 4,553.64	\$ 6.36
Damage Claims .....	1,000.00	.....	1,000.00	993.00	7.00
Christmas Lighting .....	200.00	.....	200.00	199.56	.44
Memorial Day .....	600.00	.....	600.00	591.36	8.64
Care of Soldiers' Graves .....	550.00	.....	550.00	550.00	.....
Rent of Veterans' Quarters .....	800.00	.....	800.00	800.00	.....
Fire Insurance .....	5,340.00	.....	5,340.00	4,677.84	662.16
Motor Vehicle Fire Insurance .....	175.00	.....	175.00	127.65	47.35
Motor Vehicle Liability Insurance .....	1,078.60 R	17.58	1,096.18	1,096.18	.....
Compensation and Liability Insurance .....	2,474.78 R	28.25	2,503.03	2,503.03	.....
General Liability Insurance .....	261.35	.....	261.35	125.00	136.35
Boiler Insurance .....	529.19	.....	529.19	510.21	18.98
Burglary Insurance .....	R	133.28	133.28	133.28	.....
Travel Outside of State .....	200.00	.....	200.00	110.15	89.85
Town Reports .....	708.00	.....	708.00	708.00	.....
Retirement System .....	9,525.00	.....	9,525.00	9,525.00	.....
WPA Administration .....	3,650.00	.....	3,650.00	3,618.36	31.64
WPA Projects .....	31,001.40 R	100.00	31,101.40	31,058.00	43.40
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	\$62,653.32	\$279.11	\$62,932.43	\$61,880.26	\$1,052.17

# APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES

## Enterprises and Cemeteries:

	Appropriations	Other Credits	Total	Expended	Balance Dec. 31, '39
Water Maintenance .....	\$ 13,000.00	.....	\$13,000.00	\$11,094.39	\$ 1,905.61
Water Services .....	1,850.00	.....	1,850.00	1,814.59	35.41
Water Extensions and Relays .....	5,977.25	.....	5,977.25	5,118.44	858.81
Pleasant Street Cemetery .....	200.00	.....	200.00	198.83	1.17
Lindenwood Cemetery .....	5,135.00 T	2,350.00	7,485.00	7,482.89	2.11
Lindenwood Cemetery Garage .....	2,400.00	.....	2,400.00	.....	2,400.00
Lindenwood Cemetery Fence .....	2,500.00	.....	2,500.00	2,497.75	2.25
Civic Center Property .....	2,005.00	.....	2,005.00	1,896.46	108.54
Town Scales .....	50.00	.....	50.00	41.00	9.00
	<u>33,117.25</u>	<u>\$2,350.00</u>	<u>\$35,467.25</u>	<u>\$30,144.35</u>	<u>\$ 5,322.90</u>

## Interest and Maturing Debt:

Interest .....	8,500.00	.....	\$ 8,500.00	\$ 7,949.40	\$ 550.60
Debt .....	36,159.55 Tr	13,340.45	49,500.00	49,500.00	.....
	<u>44,659.55</u>	<u>13,340.45</u>	<u>58,000.00</u>	<u>57,449.40</u>	<u>550.60</u>
Grand Total .....	\$614,703.49	69,216.57	683,920.06	657,300.32	26,619.74
				‡ 10,264.44	* 775.42

F — Federal Funds  
 H — Receipts  
 R — From Reserve Fund  
 S — From State and County  
 T — Income of Trust Funds  
 ‡ — Expended in Anticipation of State and County Funds  
 \* — Anticipation of Receipts  
 Tr. — Transferred from Other Appropriations

# BALANCE SHEET, DECEMBER 31, 1939

## Deferred Revenue Accounts

### Debit

#### Apportioned Assessments Not Due:

Sewers .....	\$5,883.16
Sidewalks .....	118.70
Street Betterments .....	2,481.32

### Credit

Sewer Assessments Due 1940 .....	\$1,508.31,
Sewer Assessments Due 1941 .....	1,452.91
Sewer Assessments Due 1942 .....	1,288.50
Sewer Assessments Due 1943 .....	568.41
Sewer Assessments Due 1944 .....	336.44
Sewer Assessments Due 1945 .....	218.31
Sewer Assessments Due 1946 .....	218.31
Sewer Assessments Due 1947 .....	213.06
Sewer Assessments Due 1948 .....	78.91
Sidewalk Assessments Due 1940 .....	59.35
Sidewalk Assessments Due 1941 .....	59.35
Street Betterment Assessments Due 1940 .....	1,239.30
Street Betterment Assessments Due 1941 .....	710.79
Street Betterment Assessments Due 1942 .....	531.23

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\$8,483.18

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\$8,483.18

# TOWN OF STONEHAM — DEBT STATEMENT DECEMBER 31, 1939

	Rate	Total	Due 1940	Due 1941	Due 1942	Due 1943	Due 1944	Due 1945	Due 1946	Due 1947	Due 1948	Due 1949
Highways, 1930	4	2,000.00	2,000									
School, 1923	4 1/4	28,000.00	7,000	7,000	7,000	7,000						
*School, 1930	4	35,000.00	7,000	7,000	7,000	7,000	7,000					
School, 1938	1 1/2	98,000.00	13,000	13,000	11,000	11,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	
School, 1938	1 1/2	49,000.00	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	
Town Hall, 1939	1 1/4	40,000.00	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000
Town Hall, 1939	2 1/4	7,500.00	750	750	750	750	750	750	750	750	750	750
*Water, 1935	2 1/4	16,000.00	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000		
*Water, 1937	1 1/4	15,000.00	5,000	5,000	5,000							
*Emergency France	1	30,039.02	payable monthly redemption of tax titles									
		320,539.02	46,750	44,750	42,750	37,750	28,750	21,750	21,750	21,750	19,750	4,750

## \*Outside of Debt Limit

Total Debt Within Debt Limit	224,500.00
Total Debt Outside Debt Limit	96,039.02
Debt Limit December 31, 1939	453,793.10
Borrowing Capacity January 1, 1940	229,293.10
Anticipation of Revenue Loans	200,000.00
Anticipation of Federal Grant (P. W. A.) North School due Feb. 15, 1940	9,000.00
Anticipation of Federal Grant (P. W. A.) Town Hall due Mar. 12, 1940	20,000.00
Anticipation of Federal Grant (P. W. A.) Town Hall due Mar. 12, 1940	15,000.00

Rate .30 Discounted  
Rate .09  
Rate .50  
Rate .35

## TRUST FUNDS

### Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund — Principal:

Balance, January 1, 1939 .....	\$ 59,739.84
Deposits .....	1,460.00

Balance, December 31, 1939 .....	\$ 61,199.84
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### Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund — Income:

Balance, January 1, 1939 .....	\$ 11,312.54
Interest Received .....	2,499.82

\$ 13,812.36

Expended on Lots .....	\$ 2,350.00
Interest on Securities Purchased .....	21.27
Expense .....	17.75

\$ 2,389.02

Balance, December 31, 1939 .....	11,423.34
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Total Principal and Income .....	72,623.18
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Invested as follows:

Marion Reserve Power Co. 4½S .....	\$5,000.00
Lowell Gas Light Co. 4½S .....	3,000.00
Ohio Public Service Co. 4S .....	2,000.00
Penn. R. R. 3¾S .....	4,000.00
New Eng. Tel. & Tel. Co. 5S .....	5,000.00
Central Maine Power Co. 3½S .....	5,000.00
N. Y. State Elec. & Gas Co. 4S .....	5,000.00
Stoneham Co-operative Bank .....	4,800.00
Woburn Co-operative Bank .....	2,000.00
Malden Co-operative Bank .....	4,000.00
Mattapan Co-operative Bank .....	1,600.00
Winter Hill Fed. Sav. & Loan Assn. ....	3000.00
Charlestown Five Cents Savings Bank .....	4,000.00
North Avenue Savings Bank .....	4,000.00
Cambridge Savings Bank .....	4,000.00
Salem Five Cents Savings Bank .....	4,000.00
Danvers Savings Bank .....	4,000.00
Malden Savings Bank .....	4,000.00
Andover Savings Bank .....	2,000.00
Melrose Savings Bank .....	976.84
Stoneham Five Cents Savings Bank .....	1,217.78
Cash .....	28.56

\$ 72,623.18

### Matilda M. Dale — Cemetery Fund:

Palance, January 1, 1939 .....	\$ 73.82
Interest Received .....	\$ 1.84

Balance, December 31, 1939 .....	75.66
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Inv. in Sto. Five Cts. Svgs. Bank .....	\$	75.66
<b>J. Alden Stockwell Shade Tree Fund:</b>		
Balance, January 1, 1939 .....	\$	1,452.88
Interest Received .....		46.31
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Balance, December 31, 1939 .....	\$	1,499.19
Invested as follows:		
Stoneham Co-operative Bank .....	\$	1,000.00
Sto. Five Cts. Svgs. Bank .....		499.19
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	\$	1,499.19
Principal .....		1,000.00
Income Available .....		499.19
<b>James W. MacDonald School Medal Fund:</b>		
Balance, January 1, 1939 .....	\$	316.68
Interest Received .....		6.35
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	\$	323.03
Expended on Medals .....		11.85
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Baalnce, December 31, 1939 .....	\$	311.18
Invested as follows:		
Sto. Five Cts. Svgs. Bank .....	\$	161.19
Middlesex County National Bank .....		149.99
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	\$	311.18
Principal .....		291.00
Income Available .....		20.18
<b>George L. W. Dike Library Fund:</b>		
Balance, January 1, 1939 .....	\$	2,182.10
Interest Received .....		87.46
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	\$	2,269.56
Expended for Books .....		160.00
Balance, December 31, 1939 .....	\$	2,109.56
Invested as follows:		
Lowell Gas Light Co. 4½S .....	\$	1,000.00
Penn. R. R. 3¼S .....		1,000.00
Sto. Five Cts. Svgs. Bank .....		109.56
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	\$	2,109.56
Principal .....		2,000.00
Income Available .....		109.56
<b>Richardson Library Fund:</b>		
Balance, January 1, 1939 .....	\$	274.54
Interest Received .....		6.89
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	\$	281.43

Expended for Books .....	175.00
Balance, December 31, 1939 .....	\$ 106.43
Inv. in Sto. Five Cts. Svgs. Bank .....	106.43
Principal .....	100.00
Income Available .....	6.43
Annie H. Brown Library Book Fund:	
Balance, January 1, 1939 .....	\$ 10,501.70
Interest Received .....	273.49
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	\$ 10,775.19
Expended on Books .....	373.69
Balance, December 31, 1939 .....	\$ 10,401.50
Invested as follows:	
Charlestown Five Cts. Svgs. Bank .....	\$ 4,000.00
Stoneham Co-operative Bank .....	4,000.00
East Cambridge Savings Bank .....	2,401.42
Cash .....	.08
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	\$10,401.50
Principal .....	10,000.00
Income Available .....	401.50
Board of Trade— Central Square Improvement Fund:	
Balance, January 1, 1939 .....	\$ 86 87
Interest Received .....	2.17
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Balance, December 31, 1939 .....	89.04
Inv in Sto. Five Cts. Svgs. Bank .....	89.04
Principal and Income Available .....	89.04
Alice J. Durgin Fund:	
Balance, January 1, 1939 .....	\$ 1,371.53
Interest Received .....	34.49
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Balance, December 31, 1939 .....	1,406.02
Inv. in Sto. Five Cts. Svgs. Bank .....	1,406.02
Principal .....	1,000.00
Income Available .....	406.02
Samuel H. Webber Town Hall Fund:	
Balance, January 1, 1939 .....	\$ 14,600.00
Interest Received .....	227.27
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	14,827.27
Transferred to Town Hall Account .....	14,827.27

# BALANCE SHEET, DECEMBER 31, 1939

## Trust Accounts

### Debit

Trust Funds, Cash and Securities .....\$88,621.76

### Credit

Perpetual Care Fund, Principal .....\$61,199.84

Perpetual Care Fund, Income ..... 11,423.34

Matilda M. Dale Cemetery Fund ..... 75.66

J. Alden Stockwell Shade Tree Fund ..... 1,499.19

James W. MacDonald School Medal Fund ..... 311.18

George L. W. Dike Library Fund ..... 2,109.56

Richardson Library Fund ..... 106.43

Annie H. Brown Library Book Fund ..... 10,401.50

Board of Trade, Central Square Improvement Fund ..... 89.04

Alice J. Durgin Fund ..... 1,406.02

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\$88,621.76

## ANNIE H. BROWN LIBRARY BUILDING FUND

I, Charles A. Owen, Town Accountant of the Town of Stoneham hereby certify that I have examined the account of E. Sohier Welch and George E. Brown, executors under the will of Annie H. Brown, who hold in trust the funds bequeathed to the Town of Stoneham for an addition to the Stoneham Public Library under Item 28 of the 10th Paragraph of the said will, with the following results:

### Principal

Balance January 1, 1939 .....	\$19,750.00
(Par Value of Securities)	
Bonds Called .....	5,000.00
	<hr/> \$14,750.00
Bonds Purchased .....	5,000.00
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Balance December 31, 1939 .....	\$19,750.00

### Income

#### Receipts:

Interest .....	\$ 840.54
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#### Payments:

Trustees Compensation .....	45.00
Probate Fees .....	3.00
Accrued Interest on Bonds Purchased .....	57.78
Miscellaneous Expenses .....	.72
Premium on Bonds Purchased .....	325.00
Paid Town for Books Purchased .....	200.00
Overdraft January 1, 1939 .....	201.94
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	833.44

Balance December 31, 1939 .....	7.10
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Attest:

CHARLES A. OWEN, Town Accountant.

Middlesex, ss.

February 20, 1940

Subscribed and sworn to before me this day.

Harry A. Williams, Notary Public.

# **P. W. A. CONSTRUCTION ACCOUNTS** **East and South Schools — Docket No.1010-DS**

**Receipts:**

Appropriation from Revenue .....	\$ 4,000.00
Proceeds of Loan .....	111,000.00
Federal Grants .....	69,659.86
Contract Forfeit .....	500.00

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\$185,159.86

**Payments:**

Preliminary Expense .....	481.68
Land .....	8,259.40
Construction .....	135,462.16
Furnishings .....	1,285.54
Architects and Engineering .....	14,446.31
Drain Expense .....	6,130.54
Insurance .....	141.84
Miscellaneous .....	7.75

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\$166,215.22

Transferred to Debt Account .....	13,000.00
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\$179,215.22

Balance .....	5,944.64
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## **North School — Docket No. 1472-F**

**Receipts:**

Proceeds of Loan .....	\$ 55,000.00
Federal Grant .....	40,907.08

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\$95,907.08

**Payments:**

Preliminary Expense .....	\$ 321.74
Land Etc. ....	3,066.38
Architectural and Engineering .....	8,639.47
Legal and Administrative .....	10.00
Construction .....	75,624.80
Furnishings .....	4,224.37

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\$ 91,886.76

Balance .....	4,020.32
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## **Town Hall — Docket No. 1013-F**

**Receipts:**

Proceeds of Loan .....	\$ 47,500.00
Samuel H. Webber Fund .....	52,847.65



Federal Grant .....	40,000.00
Loans in Anticipation of Federal Grant .....	35,000.00
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	\$175,347.65

Payments:

Preliminary Expense .....	\$ 195.10
Construction .....	140,927.44
Furnishings .....	6,954.08
Architects and Engineering .....	12,013.32
Legal .....	149.99
Insurance .....	157.27
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	\$160,297.20
Balance .....	14,950.45

## REPORT OF TOWN TREASURER

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen, Stoneham, Mass.

Gentlemen: — I herewith submit the report of the Town Treasurer for the period of January 3, 1939 to December 30, 1939.

Cash on hand January 3, 1939 .....	\$ 190,243.50
Receipts January 3, 1939 — December 30, 1939 .....	1,313,637.22
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	\$1,503,880.72
Expended January 3, — December 30, 1939	
as per Selectmen's Warrants .....	1,345,808.06
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Balance January 3, 1940 .....	\$ 158,072.66

For complete detail of Receipts and Expenditures refer to Town Accountant's Report.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. H. HOLDEN, Treasurer.

## REPORT OF BOARD OF SELECTMEN

To the Citizens of Stoneham:

At the annual election held Monday, March sixth, 1939, Harry R. Dockam, Almond H. Smith and William D. Desmond were elected Selectmen for the ensuing year, and in accordance with a long established custom your board met on the following evening, Tuesday, March seventh, and organized as follows: Harry R. Dockam, Chairman; Almond H. Smith, Secretary; and William D. Desmond, Disburser of Soldiers' Relief.

At the outset we want to take issue with those who think the printing of the annual Town Report is a waste of money. We believe that those taking that position to be a very small percentage of the citizens of the town. The cost of the town for printing the annual report runs from six hundred and fifty to eight hundred dollars year in and year out and to our mind no single expenditure of a comparable amount gives the citizens of the town so valuable return for the money paid out as does your annual report.

With the remark that no one reads it, we again take issue as we believe many not only read but actually study the report. And to those that merely criticize and do not read and study the report we can only say that we think they are the losers and if they would change their attitude and carefully examine the reports each year they would find themselves better informed as to how their money is being spent, what the officials have accomplished and are attempting to accomplish and above all as to the general financial standing of the town.

During the year the town lost the services through retirement of two of its most respected and faithful officials—George A. Hinchliffe and Charles Baldwin. Both have served the town over a long period of years in an efficient and conscientious manner and their records of service will remain for all time as a standard for their successors to live up to.

1939 like 1938 has seen the town go forward in a real progressive way. The completion of the Town Office Building and Auditorium and the new North School marks the year as a truly historical era in the life and progress of the town.

Progress has also been made during the year in the way of improving social and health conditions and the elimination of certain nuisances; but much remains to be done along these lines and until such time as it is possible to clean up and at least in a measure beautify our roadsides along the main road arteries entering the town we will not be able to have the town we would all like to see.

Much progress has also been made in the way of new

sewer and sidewalk construction and in the laying of new water mains and relaying or replacing old water mains and the elimination of dead end water mains. Much more of this type of work is contemplated particularly as to dead end water mains and an article in the warrant for the annual town meeting asks for authority to issue water bonds in order that funds may be available for this type of work. Elimination of the dead end mains should, and we believe will, result in giving the town a better insurance rating.

The town has realized a saving of several hundred dollars during the year and will enjoy an annual saving of a considerable amount as the result of an exhaustive study and survey of the whole insurance problem with reference to insurance coverage on the complete schedule covering all types and classes of insurance carried by the town.

The insurance cost to the town has also been decreased by an appreciable amount through a reduction in the premium rates because of the completion of and adding to, our insurance schedule our new public buildings all of which are of a type of construction which minimizes fire hazards thereby giving the town a more favorable premium rate.

For the first time in many years your board has revised the Jury List in accordance with the law governing the same and while this resulted in some criticism from certain quarters if those whose names have been dropped will examine the statute they will discover why their names have been taken from the list.

Your board has served on, or with, several committees during the year and much time has been freely given in such service.

The following list of men were drawn in 1939 to serve as Jurors: Earle C. Bockus, George G. Graham, James F. Mahoney, Earl V. Smith, Chester A. Richardson, Edward F. Gay, Lester K. Pratt, William A. Gile, Patrick J. Callahan, Edward F. Bourgeau, Arthur E. Page.

The following appointments were made during the year:

John N. Kelly, Town Counsel.

Charles A. Owen, Clerk of Selectmen.

Harry R. Dockam, Almond H. Smith, and William D.

Desmond, Fence Viewers.

William H. Rolfe, Inspector of Animals.

William H. Rolfe, Pound Keeper.

William F. McCall, Forest Warden.

George E. Savard, Dog Officer.

Percival H. Wardwell, Supt. of Moth Work.

Albert R. Dutton, Inspector of Buildings and Wires.

Arthur O. Wheeler, Public Weigher.

J. Clarence Nelson, Field Driver  
Crvis H. Saxby, Fred J. Mahn and Theodore F. Moore,  
Board of Appeal.

Edward L. Strobel and Martin L. Hines, Associate  
Members, Board of Appeal.

Thomas H. Graham, Measurer of Leather.

Daniel P. Hurley, Weigher of Coal.

Viola H. Cleveland, Weigher of Coal.

Met jointly with Board of Health and appointed Clarence E. Lent to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of George A. Hinchcliffe.

Met jointly with the Planning Board and appointed Fred P. Hanford to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Catherine T. Driscoll.

The warrant for the annual election and town meeting contains an article calling for an expression of the voters as to the disposition of, or, otherwise determining what use, or uses, shall be made of Armory Hall, the "Old North", "Old East" and "Old South" school buildings.

Your board is unanimous in the opinion that some action is necessary and steps should be taken to either sell these properties or provide for their care and protection against damage and deterioration.

Our sincere thanks are extended to the various boards, committees, and appointive officers for their earnest efforts and desire to administer the affairs of the town in an efficient, businesslike and economical manner. This applies to the entire personnel as the faithful performance of their duties by the clerks and assistants in each and every department is deserving of commendation.

Respectfully submitted,

HARRY R. DOCKAM,

ALMOND H. SMITH,

WILLIAM D. DESMOND,

Board of Selectmen.



## REPORT OF TOWN COUNSEL

Submitted herewith is my third annual report as Counsel for the Town of Stoneham. The past year has forcibly brought to this office's attention the fact that the work of the Legal Department is materially increasing to an extent which possibly taxpayers are not aware. In my three years, I very definitely can say that the burdens of our economic plight have certainly been felt by the Law Department. One who is not actively identified with the movement surrounding the legal activities of a municipality can not imagine the voluminous detail and activity that must be undertaken by its duly authorized officer. Needless to say, this condition has not occurred necessarily during my term of office, but undoubtedly began in 1932.

Our national, local and state well-being has definitely become a moulded feature in our politico-social existence. For the past eight years, therefore, with the advent of Federal, State and Local Relief, including such activities as the Emergency Relief Administration, Works Progress Administration, Public Works Administration; activities of a Federal nature affecting our local municipal structure, have caused innumerable legal problems to confront the representative of the Town. Naturally, where the Town participates with the Federal Government in raising and appropriating money to create employment benefits, there follows grave and difficult questions with which our duly elected officials are confronted. In these cases, a good many times your officials rely upon your attorney to advise or assist them in settling any question or dispute that might arise.

During this period referred to above, the State following the tendency of the times has also enacted remedial legislation of a social nature affecting the normal structures of their subordinate cities or towns; reaching into the home, affecting the aged, the dependent mother, the neglected child, soldier's relief and many other forms of distress. Particularizing, allow me to point out that under our Old Age Assistance Act, which the Town through its citizens participates, arises many legal problems necessitating almost the constant use of an attorney. In a good many cases it is obligatory upon the Town to secure a mortgage from one who desires the benefits of the Old Age Assistance Act. This requires examination of the titles of the particular person's real estate to amply protect the Town's investment, execution of the mortgage instrument, the bond, and the recording process. When you, more fortunate, desire to secure a mortgage on your home, you will readily realize the services of an attorney in that instance. But in this, the attorney is not representing one individual, but a whole community.

Coming now to local problems bearing the same character as the two mentioned above, I would like to point out the additional legal services which in years before were unheard and unthought of. Everyone today recognizes the difficult Welfare burdens placed upon small communities. Welfare Departments of the past in relation to other governmental activities were considered insignificant. Today it represents the third largest Department in the Town. With its ever increasing functions, it naturally follows, being governed by laws, that it needs the assistance of an attorney. Questions of settlement suits to recover money from other communities; cases in which the Town must defend when suits are brought by other cities and towns against us, for the same reason have increased not only the task prescribed by law to Welfare Departments, but also in the Law Department. There probably is no branch of Municipal Law that has so increased as has the Settlement Law.

One who conscientiously examines this phase of legal activity giving due consideration to the bygone days will readily admit that the burdens of this office have materially and steadily increased during the past ten years.

Another phase which I believe worthy of comment is the cases heard before the Appellate Tax Board in the State House. To a good many of the citizens this facility to alleviate them from over-assessment in their real estate is a thing unknown. Due to economic conditions, the taxpayers more than ever scrutinize the tax bills each year endeavoring to find some way to reduce their own individual expenditures. Outgo is attempted to equalize income. Many people now seek to reduce their tax by the avenues afforded them by law, when they honestly believe that values placed upon their property by the local assessors are excessive and not representing the fair cash value. If they are unable to acquire an abatement from the local Board of Assessors, they may file an appeal with the Appellate Tax Board, where the action of assessment and abatement is reviewed by this independent group.

While our local Board of Assessors have been probably more fortunate than neighboring towns, their records, however, I believe, will reveal that during this period which I have referred to, there has been a natural increase in this type of case. About a week ago I was informed that not less than 190 cases had been filed with the local Board; not all of these cases will reach the Appellate Tax Board. However, during my term as your attorney, I have observed that the Town should provide the Law Department with funds to adequately defend these cases. To properly safeguard the valuations determined by the assessors before

this Board, the Law Department should be given sufficient funds to establish the proper defense.

During the last year there has been a material increase in defect cases. At the present time there are outstanding, ten cases, some of which involve the Town's liability and others which the Town can successfully defend. It is my earnest hope that sufficient funds will be granted to the Department of Public Works, so that they can arrange to have periodic inspections of our sidewalks and streets which will, in the end, tend to diminish this type of case.

Two years ago, this office referred to you a problem that has confronted the Town for the past thirty-three years; that of the outstanding Tax Titles held by the Town, which had never been foreclosed. Last year, this office instituted action in that direction. This year, I am pleased to report that after foreclosure of seventy-two parcels together with a recommendation of the Tax Title Committee found elsewhere in this annual report (which I recommend you to read) there will be remaining out of 300 Tax Titles held by the Town, only thirty-six parcels which will necessitate foreclosure proceedings. This, in my opinion, is an achievement which is bound to benefit the Town, and in this connection I want to take this opportunity to publicly express my deep felt appreciation to Treasurer George Holden and his assistant, Mr. Walter Leavitt, for the sincere co-operation given this office in that respect.

Naturally, during the year numerous opinions were given the various Departments.

I shall be ever grateful for the co-operation which every Department has given me.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN N. KELLY, Town Counsel.

## REPORT OF POLICE DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen: — I have the honor to submit, as Captain of Police for the Town of Stoneham, the following report for the year ending December 31, 1939.

The regular members of the Police Department are: Captain J. Clarence Nelson, Sergeants John G. O'Brien and William H. O'Toole, Patrolmen Dennis L. McKinnon, George E. Johnson, Thomas J. Flynn, Andrew J. Tuney, John P. Judge, Robert H. Bradley, George J. McDonough and Ellis B. Bradshaw. Reserve Officers Warren H. Barnes, John G. McHale, George N. Savard, Walter R. Burns and Thomas H. Finnegan.

### Arrests

Number of Arrests .....	626
Males .....	608
Females .....	18
Minors .....	6
Residents .....	156
Non-Residents .....	470
White .....	625
Colored .....	1
Offences .....	665

### Offences For Which Arrests Were Made

Armed Robbery .....	3
Assault and Battery .....	5
Assault with Dangerous Weapon .....	1
Attempted Larceny .....	2
Capias .....	12
Concealing Leased Property .....	1
Delinquent Child .....	2
Drunkenness .....	125
Escaped Inmate .....	1
Evading Taxi Fare .....	1
Fugitive From Justice .....	1
Having Weapon Under Control in Vehicle Without Permit .....	1
Habitual Truant .....	2
Illegitimacy .....	5
Indecent Exposure .....	1
Keeping Unlicensed Dog .....	4
Larceny .....	16
Lewd and Lascivious Cohabitation .....	2
Lottery Tickets in Possession .....	2
Misappropriation of Auto .....	2
Non-Payment of Wages .....	1
Non-Support of Wife .....	4

Non-Support of Minor Child .....	1
Receiving Stolen Property .....	2
Sounding False Alarm of Fire .....	1
Suspicious Person .....	6
Truancy .....	1
Unnatural and Lascivious Act .....	2
Using Auto Without Authority .....	2
Warrant .....	7

### Motor Vehicle Violations

Attaching Plates Assigned to Another Vehicle .....	1
Fail to Keep to the Right .....	28
Fail to Slow at Intersection .....	52
Fail to Keep to the Left While Passing Another Vehicle .....	1
Fail to Stop Before Entering A Through Way .....	2
Fail to Stop For Police Officer .....	2
Leaving Scene of Accident After Causing Property Damage .....	3
Leaving Scene of Accident After Causing Personal Injury .....	2
Operating Without a License .....	9
Operating Without License in Possession .....	1
Operating Under the Influence of Liquor .....	7
Operating So As to Endanger .....	9
Operating Unregistered Car .....	8
Operating Uninsured Car .....	8
Operating Within 8 Feet of Open Door of Street Car .....	2
Operating Within 600 Feet of	
Fire Apparatus Responding to Fire .....	1
Operating At Excessive Speed .....	299
Passing Red Traffic Signal .....	14

### Disposition of Cases

Appealed .....	7
Continued .....	18
Delivered to Other Officers .....	26
Discharged .....	40
Fines Paid .....	314
Fines Suspended .....	5
Filed Without a Finding .....	3
Held For Grand Jury .....	3
House of Correction .....	3
House of Correction (Violation of Probation) .....	6
Placed on File .....	164
Probation .....	33
Released .....	38
State Farm at Bridgewater .....	3
State Farm at Bridgewater (Violation of Parole) .....	1
State Prison .....	1



### Disposition of Other Cases

Violation of Auto Law (Warnings) .....	471
Violation Traffic Rules (Warnings) .....	250
Notices to Register for Susp. of License or Warning Letter .....	294
Licenses Susp. by Registrar on Complaints of Police Officers .....	70

### Other Duties

Persons Conveyed in Ambulance .....	153
Accidents Reported .....	168
Persons Injured in Auto Accidents .....	144
Persons Killed in Auto Accidents .....	1
Animals Lost .....	70
Animals Found .....	37
Animals Killed .....	28
Buildings Found Open .....	206
Cases Investigated .....	1124
Dead Bodies Cared For .....	2
Defective Electric Lamps .....	170
Defective Hydrants .....	1
Defective Sidewalks or Streets .....	52
Defective Water Pipes .....	15
Defective Wires .....	6
Detailed For Public Assemblages .....	187
Dog Bites Reported .....	6
Emergency Messages Delivered .....	444
Fire Alarms Given .....	11
Inhalator Used .....	1
Inspections Made of Houses .....	1476
Investigations For Registrar of Motor Vehicles .....	23
Lanterns Placed in Dangerous Places .....	24
Lost Children Cared For .....	15
Lord's Day Labor Permits Granted .....	10
Missing Persons Reported .....	22
Missing Persons Found .....	22
Notices Posted for Selectmen .....	2
Notices To Public Works Department .....	138
Notices To Delinquent Dog Owners .....	101
Notices To Tree Warden .....	4
Notices To Fire Department .....	1
Notices To Edison Company .....	11
Notices To New England Telephone Co. ....	1
Notices To Tenants: Re: Snow Removal .....	12
Notices To Gasoline Station Operators: Re: Illegal Signs .....	25
Notices Posted: Re: Change in Zoning By-Law .....	5
Number of Lodgers .....	167
Officers at Fires .....	106

Permits Received From Selectmen .....	110
Permits Received From Park Department .....	1
Radio Messages Sent Out From Station WRHB .....	3628
Runaway Children Picked Up .....	3
Sickness Signs Posted .....	3
Summons Served .....	202
Town Warrants Posted .....	30
Traffic Bulbs Replaced .....	33
Transfer or Sale of Motor Vehicles Recorded .....	442
Days Worked by Reserve Officers .....	256
Sick Days by Officers .....	101½
Value of Property Stolen .....	6007.85
Value of Property Recovered .....	4249.80
Value of Property Recovered for Other Departments .....	1494.50
Value of Property Lost .....	1187.00
Value of Property Found .....	1044.00
Amount of Fines Imposed .....	2070.00
Amount of Fines Received by Town .....	260.00
Imprisonment Imposed .....	10 Years — 10 Months — 10 Days

### Recommendations

I recommend, that as soon as possible, a teletype be installed, so that this Department will be in contact with the other Police Departments in this State

I recommend that a new Police Cruising Car be purchased and the car now held by the Department be traded.

I recommend that a new Motorcycle be purchased and the Motorcycle now held by the Department be traded.

I recommend that two Patrolmen be added to the present Department.

The demands upon the Department for special services in the interests of the citizens are constantly increasing. Not only must the most modern methods be used for prevention of crime, and detection and apprehension of criminals, but the safe-guarding of the homes and property and business establishments of the people of Stoneham requires an ever-increasing vigilance and supervision, due to the exigencies of the times in which we live.

I believe that the primary obligation of a Police Department is the protection of the lives and property of the citizens and to make the homes, streets, and places of business safe for our people at all hours of the day and night by concentrating as far as humanly possible, with the depleted force available, every effort toward prevention of crime.

Our town is as free from crime as any town of its size in

this Commonwealth and this is due, in a large measure, to the manner in which the officers perform their duties.

During the year a Highway Safety Campaign was conducted by the Department with special safety cards given out to automobilists in order to reduce the number of accidents.

During the year 1939, the Captain received many commendatory letters from citizens of the town in regard to the special protection given their homes during periods in which they were away. During 1939 the number of inspections made was almost double that of the previous year.

The Captain desires at this time to express his grateful appreciation for the co-operation and support given to him by the Honorable Board of Selectmen, and the officers of the Police Department, also to all departments of the town.

I am not unmindful of the fine support the Department has received during the year from the newspapers of Stoneham and the keen interest of the citizens in the progress and welfare of the Department.

Respectfully submitted,

J. CLARENCE NELSON,

Captain of Police and Lockup Keeper.

## REPORT OF FIRE DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen: — The Engineers of the Fire Department respectfully submit the following report:

There were during the year 1939, 342 alarms as follows: 221 bell and 121 stills. This far exceeds the number of alarms ever answered by the department, the greatest previous number being 286.

There have been used at fires during the year 56,960 ft. of hose, 2926 gals. of chemical, and 612 ft. of ladders.

Value of Property Endangered .....	\$125,450.00
Insurance Thereon .....	103,100.10
Estimated Loss .....	30,153.10
Insurance Paid .....	29,795.10
Net Loss .....	1,358.00

The motor equipment is not what it should be, due to the fact that both Engine I and the Ladder truck are getting old. Engine I is nineteen years old and is constantly in need of repairs. We urgently recommend the replacement of this piece this year.

We have in service about 5000 ft. of 2½ inch hose and 1300 ft. of 1½ inch hose, the latter used principally in brush fire work, and we are much in need of both of these items.

Our Fire Alarm System, while it is in good mechanical condition, is still feeling the effects of the hurricane and still calls for much outside work on pole construction.

### Detail of Expenditure

Permanent Force .....	\$15,262.65
Call Force .....	3,690.00
Call Engineer .....	210.00
Apparatus Equipment .....	326.97
Hose and Fittings .....	600.00
Repairs .....	335.21
Equipment for Men .....	203.14
Operating Expenses .....	255.39
Fuel .....	325.98
Lighting .....	257.12
Alarm System .....	336.40
Building Maintenance .....	171.45
Laundry .....	66.62

Telephone .....	71.76
Miscellaneous .....	292.76
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	\$22,405.45
Unexpended Balance .....	12.55
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	\$22,418.00

We wish to thank the Board of Selectmen for their co-operation and support and to thank the Police Department for their assistance and co-operation at fires and apprehending those who were responsible for brush and woods fires.

We would also commend the officers and men of the Fire Department for their prompt response and efficient performance of their duties during a very trying year.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. F. McCALL,

F. L. NEWHALL,

Board of Fire Engineers.



## REPORT OF SEALER OF WEIGHTS & MEASURES

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen: — I submit my report for the Department of Weights & Measures for the year ending December 31, 1939.

The usual amount of routine work has been done. All weighing and measuring devices in the town are in unusually good condition due to much new and modern equipment that has been installed, particularly for the measuring of Gasoline and Fuel Oil.

The Sealer's office is now installed in the new Town Hall and the new and comfortable quarters are a great improvement.

Fees to the amount of \$54.03 have been collected and turned over to the Town Treasurer.

A summary of the work performed is attached.

### Summary of Work

Device	Adj.	Seal.	Cond.
Scales — Platform 10,000 lbs. or over .....		4	
Platform 100 to 5000 lbs. ....		4	
Counter 100 lbs. or over .....		4	
Counter under 100 lbs. ....	2	14	
Spring under 100 lbs .....	6	16	2
Computing .....	2	8	
Personal Weighing .....		1	
Weights Avoirdupois .....		65	
Liquid Measures 1 gal. or under .....		33	
over 1 gal. ....		2	
Meters 1-inch Inlet .....	7	59	
over 1-inch Inlet .....		4	
Grease Measuring Pumps .....		21	
Dry Measures .....		2	
Cloth Measuring Devices .....		1	
Totals .....	17	238	2

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. FORBES, Sealer of Weights  
and Measures.

## REPORT OF BUILDING AND WIRE INSPECTOR

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen: — I herewith submit this report as Inspector for the year as follows:

There have been issued 129 Building Permits, 14 Elevator Licenses, 7 Demolition Permits, 1 Moving Permit.

Dwellings ..... 46 Estimated cost ..... \$202,700.00

NonResident Buildings	.....28	Estimated cose	.....	6,680.00
Alter and Repair	.....54	Estimated cost	.....	34,419.00
Total	.....			\$243,799.00

There has been collected in fees \$402.00 and paid to the Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,  
ALBERT R. DUTTON, Inspector.

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen: — I herewith submit this report as Wire Inspector for the year as follows:

There have been issued 294 Permits.

There has been collected in fees \$181.50 and paid to the Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,  
ALBERT R. DUTTON, Inspector.

## REPORT OF ANIMAL INSPECTOR

Honorable Board of Selectmen, Stoneham, Mass.

Gentlemen: — I hereby submit my report as Inspector of Animals for the year ending December 31, 1939.

The dairies are in good condition considering this time of the year. An animal inspection was ordered by the Division of Livestock Disease Control and blanks were received for reporting the same. All premises where cattle, etc., are kept were inspected and conditions reported as found. Suggestions for improvements of stable conditions where considered necessary were given.

There were three reactors found within the limits of the Town and the premises where these cows were located were properly cleansed and disinfected by the owners.

There were a large number of dog bites reported to me by the local Board of Health and Police Department. These cases were all investigated and the dogs placed under quarantine as required by law for a period of fourteen days and were not released until ordered by the State Department. There have been no cases of rabies during the year.

Respectfully submitted,  
WILLIAM H. ROLFE,  
Animal Inspector.

## REPORT OF PUBLIC WEAIGHER

Board of Selectmen:

I respetfully submit the following report of commodities weighed on Town Scales during the year 1939:

25 loads at 10¢ each .....	\$2.50
2    "    "    15¢    "    .....	.30
5    "    "    20¢    "    .....	1.00
6    "    "    25¢    "    .....	1.50
4    "    "    30¢    "    .....	1.20
6    "    "    35¢    "    .....	2.10
3    "    "    40¢    "    .....	1.20
1    "    "    50¢    "    .....	.50
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	\$10.30
Free Loads (Municipal and Railroad Property) .....	13

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR O. WHEELER, Weigher.

## **REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I respectfully submit my annual report as Superintendent of Public Works for the year ending December 31, 1939.

### **PROPERTIES**

#### **Forge Shop**

Miscellaneous tools were added to our forge shop equipment. The blacksmith repaired not only our truck bodies and sharpened all our tools but also afforded similar service for the Park Department, Moth Department, Infirmary, Cemetery, W. P. A., etc.

We hope that our 1940 appropriation is sufficient to allow for the purchase of two three phase motors to drive saws and install a power line.

#### **Garage**

Our employees installed radiators and ran an insulated underground steam line to the boiler now heating the office building.

An air operated automobile body paint gun, drills, and taps were some of the many tools and equipment purchased for garage use.

The mechanical work of the departments mentioned under the previous caption are fulfilled by our mechanic.

A new state law requires that the present garage compressor tank be replaced by one which meets the new Massachusetts law relative to construction of tanks. An item to cover this change has been included in our budget request.

#### **Equipment**

Our equipment is subjected to hard usage both in construction and snow removal work. A rebuilt motor was fitted to the 1929 Ford dump truck. The Conant gravel loader was extensively overhauled and all other equipment was maintained.

Much of our rolling equipment has out-lived its usefulness because of old age. New equipment is needed not only to replace obsolete apparatus but that we may have machinery available to render the services required by the tax payers. The department annually needs a minimum appropriation of \$6000 for new machinery until such time as the department has the necessary motive power.

Articles are to be inserted in the warrant requesting authorization to purchase one coupe and one five-ton truck.

Water testing instruments have been repaired and a transformer type thawing outfit restored to good condition and it

may now be used in thawing frozen services where the pipe size is one inch or less. Eventually the department should purchase a used arc welder of 400 - 500 ampere capacity which machine not only can be used to thaw out frozen water mains but also serve for general cutting and arc-welding.

Complete Flexible Sewer Rod equipment was purchased for common sewer and sewer service cleaning. This equipment was used extensively during the past year and proved its worth. It is also used for cleaning storm drains.

### **General**

The committee appointed by the annual town meeting of 1939 has met several times during the year but it will be another year before it can present a comprehensive report of its study which embraces the departmental need of more modern buildings and equipment as well as additional land for storage of materials.

Realizing therefore that it will be at least two years before the office and other buildings can be modernized or better housed elsewhere the 1940 budget includes items for temporarily repairing the office interior and rewiring the entire lighting system.

The electric circuits are heavily overloaded and constitute a fire menace. We cannot efficiently administer our duties without at once altering our office interior.

### **Other Buildings**

The interior of the Upland Road sewer station has been repainted and minor repairs made to the slate roof. The exterior of this building will be painted in 1940.

Considerable repairs were made to the pumps and controls at Elm Street Sewerage pumping station because the Boston Edison Company reversed the phase on their power line and this caused our motors to run backward. The power company paid the maintenance cost which amount was turned into the general fund as a receipt.

### **ADMINISTRATION**

It is highly probable that the State and County will allocate funds for Chapter 90 construction in 1941. This work has been suspended for the years 1939 and 1940 and the town received \$22,000 in 1939 and will receive a like sum in 1940. These grants are figured by the assessors as assets to reduce the tax levy.

Rentals for the town owned equipment used on Chapter 90 maintenance work were deducted from appropriations for this work and credited to the Road Machinery Appropriation as receipts.



The department since October have had the assistance of two N. Y. A. clerks who are engaged in preparing complete records of all water and sewer services. Their services are remunerated by the government.

The water department has paid its own way in 1938 and 1939. At the present time we have no definite program to progressively test water meters and each meter should be tested at least once in seven years. An amount necessary to test one-seventh of our meters has been included in our water maintenance request and if this sum is approved we can start this work during the coming year.

### Vacations, Holidays and Sick Leave

All men who work the minimum number of weeks during the year received two weeks vacation with pay. Permanent men were paid for Saturday half-holiday and legal holidays. Sick leave was granted not to exceed two weeks time in any one year.

### SEWER MAINTENANCE

New sewer maintenance equipment was purchased and cleaning operations were carried on through the spring and summer months.

An accurate record of existing conditions was noted. Five manholes were constructed at existing dead ends and a water service brought to the manhole for flushing purposes.

Our requested budget will include the cost of repair of such manholes and lines that are in immediate need of restoration. A few common sewers must be relaid and some manholes have to have brick floors reconstructed and steps fitted. Pipe relaying will be done as a part of the W. P. A. blanket sewer project.

Main Sewer Stoppages .....	3
Sewer Service Stoppages .....	39
Appropriation .....	\$4855.00
Expended .....	4622.66
Balance .....	\$ 232.34

### SEWER SERVICES

Thirty-seven new services were added during the year and one service repaired. The demand for new services in 1940 will be even greater than that reported above because of building activities, and the newly added common sewers in Rustic Road, Sunset Road, Franklin Street, Richardson Avenue, Summerhill Street, Brackett Avenue, Central Street, Collincote Street, Main Street, Hampton Road and Windsor Road. These sewers were

extended as a part of a W. P. A. blanket sewer project excepting the last two named which were constructed by the Public Works Department.

Appropriation .....	\$1960.00
Expended .....	1950.74
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Balance .....	\$ 9.26

HIGHWAYS

Broadway from Park Avenue to the Wakefield town line a distance of 1157 feet was constructed and has a twelve inch gravel base with an asphalt wearing surface. Two catch basins were built.

Spencer Street was scarified from its junction with Franklin Street 170 feet in a southerly direction, gravel added and rolled to grade. Two catch basins were rebuilt and a wearing surface of asphalt applied.

North Street was scarified 100 feet easterly from its junction with Main Street, gravel added and rolled to grade. Two catch basins were constructed and a wearing surface of asphalt applied.

Oak Street was reconstructed two hundred feet northerly from its junction with Royal Street. A wearing surface of asphalt was applied.

The following streets were surface treated with either asphalt or tar and sand used for cover.

Upland Road	Steele Street
Fairview Road	Endicott Road
Parkway Road	Hillside Avenue
Wilson Road	Westwood Road
Fells Road	Governor Road
Middlesex Road	North Street
Peabody Road	Forest Street
Eustis Street	William Street
Bow Street	Pomeworth Street
Capen Street	Pleasant Street
Ferdinand Street	Butler Avenue
Tremont Street	Richardson Avenue
Collincote Street	Lindenwood Road
Rafferty Road	Flint Avenue
Hill Street	Rowe Street
Columbus Avenue	Minot Street
Rustic Road	Dean Street
Sunset Road	Winthrop Street

Drainage was repaired from Isabella Street through to

Franklin Street and two manholes constructed. This line should be relaid in the near future.

Ten new basins were built in miscellaneous locations. All catch basins and a greater part of the brooks throughout the town were cleaned out.

We trust that the appropriation for general highway maintenance will be increased so that we may lay a mixed-in-place surface on some roads. A progressive program of this sort will give us better roads and eventually lessen our maintenance costs.

This year it will be necessary to scarify and resurface Rustic Road, Sunset Road, Summerhill Street and part of Central Street where sewers have been constructed.

The department will another year propose a program calling for an appropriation to undertake reconstruction of Sweet-water Brook as recommended to the town by Fay, Spofford and Thorndike in 1925.

Appropriation .....	\$30,000.00
Transfer (Lindenwood Cemetery Brook) .....	50.00
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Total .....	\$30,050.00
Expended .....	30,040.10
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Balance .....	\$ 9.90

**ROAD MACHINERY**

All costs for operating and maintaining motor vehicles and machinery, excepting the water truck are charged to this account. Rentals on town owned equipment used on Chapter 90 Maintenance work have been charged to said maintenance account and credited to the Road Machinery Account.

Appropriation .....	\$4511.00
1938 Balance .....	5.83
Reserve Transfer .....	300.00
*Receipts .....	848.00
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Total .....	\$5664.83
Expended .....	5271.22
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Balance .....	\$ 393.61

\* Receipts of rentals for town owned equipment used on Chapter 90 Maintenance.

**SIDEWALKS AND EDGESTONES**

Edgestones were set by the Public Works Department on

those W. P. A. projects that called for granite curbing. Existing edgestones were reset where necessary to do so prior to construction of W. P. A. granolithic walks. All sidewalks constructed during the year were supervised by this department. Five hundred square yards of tar sidewalks on Main Street, Pine Street, Minot Street, Elm Street, Hersam Street, and Chestnut Street were resurfaced. Stone dust was extensively used to cover existing gravel walks.

Appropriation .....	\$2,825.00
Expended .....	2,822.92
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Balance .....	\$ 2.08

### SNOW AND ICE

All snow plows were serviced in the fall and fences erected. Rain and sleet during the month of February caused a lot of ice to accumulate on the highways. Heavy snow falls on the sixth and again on the twelfth of March left a heavy blanket of snow on the ground. Streets, sidewalks, hydrants and catch basins were then kept clear of snow.

Appropriations .....	\$7500.00
Reserve Transfer .....	1528.30
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Total ..	\$9028.30
Expended .....	9028.30

### STREET RAILS

Approximately two-thirds of our rails have been repaired and painted during the years 1938 and 1939. This program will be carried on during the coming year.

Appropriation .....	\$325.00
Expended .....	324.77
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Balance .....	.23

### STONE BOUNDS

This appropriation was drastically cut this year. We built forms for casting bounds with the money available. Bounds should be set on all relocated streets and it is necessary to annually grant \$500 to further this work.

Appropriation .....	\$25.00
Expended .....	24.40
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Balance .....	\$ .60

## STREET SIGNS AND BEACONS

Cross walks and other traffic signs were painted in May but the allocation for this work was not sufficient to adequately mark traffic lanes twice annually. The operation and maintenance of traffic signals were provided for. Many streets still lack sign posts even though seventy new street signs were erected this year.

Careful scrutiny should be given to the new budget for it will request an appropriation to cover not only items found in the 1939 budget but also erection of isolated stop signs, so called, and installation of new traffic signals and control.

Appropriation .....	\$1700.00
Reserve Transfer .....	25.00
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Total .....	\$1725.00
Expended .....	1723.61
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Balance .....	\$ 1.39

## WATER MAINTENANCE

The Park Avenue dead end was connected to the Wakefield system at the town line. The Wakefield Park district is now assured of more adequate fire protection. Three gates were set.

The Town of Wakefield supplied Stoneham with water for an eight hour period on June 3rd while the M. D. C. repaired a 20 inch gate located at South Street.

Seven main joint leaks and miscellaneous service leaks in the public highway were repaired. All meters were read twice during the year. A program of sealing meters and repairing meters, gates, hydrants and sidewalk boxes was constantly carried on during the entire year. All hydrants were inspected twice during the year.

Appropriation .....	\$13,000.00
Expended .....	11,094.39
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Balance .....	\$ 1,905.61

## WATER SERVICES

Meters in Service .....	2501
New Services .....	55
Services Relaid .....	2
Services Repaired .....	44
Appropriation .....	\$1850.00
Expended .....	1814.59
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Balance .....	\$ 35.41



## WATER EXTENSIONS

Appropriately two-thirds of the 1940 appropriation will be spent as the sponsor's contribution of a W. P. A. project to close dead ends and relay water mains in public ways. Other water mains will have to be laid by the Public Works Department.

Nine gates and one hydrant were added during the year. The following extensions were made:

Location	Length	Size	Kind
DeWitt Road .....	434 ft.	6"	Cement Lined Cast Iron
Fairview Road .....	205 ft.	6"	" " " " "
Gorham Avenue .....	520 ft.	6"	" " " " "
Newcomb Road .....	120 ft.	6"	" " " " "
Hampton Road .....	220 ft.	6"	Transite
Windsor Road .....	365 ft.	6"	Transite

## EXISTING MAINS

Miles of 4 inch mains .....	3.35
" " 6 " " .....	21.25
" " 8 " " .....	6.64
" " 10 " " .....	2.56
" " 12 " " .....	1.70

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Total Miles of Mains .....	35.50
Main Gates .....	444
Hydrants .....	216
Balance of 1938 Appropriation .....	\$5977.25
Expended .....	5118.44

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Balance .....	\$ 858.81
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## 1939 CHAPTER 90 MAINTENANCE

Patches on Chapter 90 roads were removed and replaced by macadam. Approximately 300 square yards of macadam surface was built to replace gravel shoulders that repeatedly washed away. One hundred feet of curbing was set and four hundred feet of new guard rail erected. The balance will be carried over to another year and be used to partially defray cost of whatever necessary maintenance there is to care for next spring.

Appropriation .....	\$1,500.00
Expended .....	1,398.78

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Balance .....	\$ 101.22
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It should be noted that the State and County in estimating total value of work done, do not allow for Saturday holiday, or legal holidays.

## 1938 CHAPTER 90 MAINTENANCE

Guard rails and town line posts were repaired and painted. The Finance and Advisory Board transferred necessary funds to match State and County funds.

Reserve Transfer .....	\$400.00
State Balance—1938 .....	386.40
County Balance—1938 .....	386.40
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Total .....	\$1172.80
Expended .....	1161.61
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Balance .....	\$ 11.19

It should be noted that the State and County in estimating total value of work done do not allow for Saturday half holiday, or legal holidays.

## 1938 CHAPTER 90 CONSTRUCTION—GREEN STREET

Guard rail was erected, shoulders fine graded and other miscellaneous work performed. The road was then accepted by the Massachusetts Public Works Department.

Town Appropriation .....	\$5,000.00
County Appropriation .....	3,050.00
State Appropriation .....	6,100.00
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Total .....	\$14,150.00
Expended .....	13,267.51
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Balance .....	\$ 882.49
Net Cost to Town .....	\$ 4,117.51

It should be noted that the State and County, in estimating work done, do not include wages paid for either Saturday half holidays or legal holidays.

## GENERAL

During the past year the W. P. A. under our supervision extended sewers in Brackett Avenue, Franklin Street, Main Street, Richardson Road and are now working on Summerhill Street and Washington Street. The town could not afford to lay all these sewers at any one time because the cost to the tax payer would be prohibitive.

W. P. A. surface drainage projects will be commenced after these sewers are completed.

Excellent sidewalks have been constructed by the W. P. A. this year but we recommend because of lower cost and more efficient administration that we work from the center of the town out and lay sidewalks from block to block rather than jump from one street to another as we are now doing. The appropriation should be sufficient to meet all expenses and a reasonable assessment of the net cost to the town levied against abutters.

I wish to thank the Board of Selectmen, department heads, W. P. A. Field Engineer, George Fitzgerald and the men of my department for the fine spirit of co-operation accorded me during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

ALBERT E. CASEY,

Superintendent of Public Works

## REPORT OF TAX TITLE COMMITTEE

This committee was appointed at the Annual Meeting in March 1939 to make a study of the Tax Titles held by the town and to make a report at the next Annual Meeting.

The committee found that the town held 325 Tax Titles totalling \$59,095.99. The committee found that 56 of these Titles were for one year's taxes from the years 1907 to 1927; that there were 269 Titles from 1930 to date.

The committee met with the Treasurer and in discussing the problems were informed that the Treasurer had instituted foreclosure proceedings in the Land Court on 67 parcels. These 67 parcels are to be deducted from the figure of 269 given in the previous paragraph.

Realizing that the Tax Title problem was not necessarily a local problem but one which had been bothering a great many municipalities it was felt that it would be desirable if Mr. Creelman of the Department of Corporations and Taxation would meet with the committee to give it assistance in solving its immediate problem. Mr. Creelman was invited to attend a subsequent meeting of the committee and after having been acquainted with our problem recommended that a great many of the parcels of real estate on which the town had a Tax Title could be disposed of under a method permissible by law known as "Sale of Lands of Low Value". This was a very economical method of disposition involving a minimum expense. Under this procedure it would not be necessary to foreclose the property in the Land Court which is a more expensive manner.

Upon examination of the Tax Titles the committee found that 102 parcels could be disposed of under this form recommended by Mr. Creelman. The committee has been informed that the Treasurer has already instituted action to dispose of these 102 parcels in the manner hereinbefore mentioned. The 56 parcels referred to above were properties involving lands of low value and the committee is informed that the Treasurer is contemplating action within the next few months on these.

There are 71 parcels on which the town has acquired a Tax Title but at the present time no action will be taken due to the fact that the statutes require a two year period before which the Treasurer may institute foreclosure proceedings.

Summing up, therefore, we find that with the action already taken by the Treasurer this year there remains only 29 parcels to be foreclosed in the Land Court.

The committee felt that to properly and adequately safeguard

the interests of the town, authority should be given for the sale of the properties acquired by the town by foreclosure proceedings so that these parcels would again be found in the tax column. With this in mind the committee inserted in the Town Warrant an article authorizing the sale of all properties acquired by the town through Tax Title foreclosure proceedings.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN KELLY, Chairman.

LUTHER HILL

WALTER LEAVITT

ARTHUR N. NEWHALL

ALMOND H. SMITH



## REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF LINDENWOOD CEMETERY

The Board of Trustees of Lindenwood Cemetery has met frequently during the year to consider the administration and improvement of the cemetery.

The damage done by the hurricane made it necessary to do a lot of extra wood cutting and clearing this year. Many trees were repaired and shrubs were replaced. A number of the older head-stones in the Pleasant Street Cemetery that were split by age and the weather, have been encased in metal sheaths, which will preserve them for a long time.

A survey of the boundary lines along the west and north sides was made and a heavy chain link fence erected along these boundaries. The entire area of the cemetery is now enclosed and can be locked at night to prevent trespass and vandalism, with which the Board has had no little trouble.

Hemlock Avenue, Linden Avenue, Fern Path, and Carnation Path have been paved with a permanent road surface. This is a total of about 1510 square yards of road. During the coming year this work will be continued and eventually all the roads in the cemetery will be permanent roads. This will eliminate much expensive repair work that has been done every spring when the dirt roads soften up and are washed out. The muddy condition of dirt roads in the spring will also be corrected.

We have attempted during the year to get a stone wall built along Montvale Avenue and Lindenwood Road to replace the old iron pipe fence which will not stand much longer. This project has been accepted but the work has not yet been started. There have been plans and specifications drawn up for a garage and tool house which we hope to have built in the near future.

The resignation of Mr. Charles Messer as Superintendent of the cemetery was received with much regret. Mr. Messer has served the Town well in this capacity for a long period and his resignation creates a vacancy that will be hard to fill. To carry on some of the work that Mr. Messer has been doing, an office will be opened in the Town Office Building where all business with the cemetery will be transacted.

GEORGE B. WILLIAMS, Chairman.  
CLARENCE E. LENT, Secretary.  
CHARLES W. MESSER  
SIMEON C. FULLER  
GEORGE R. BARNSTEAD

# TOWN WARRANT

To J. Clarence Nelson or either of the Constables of the Town of Stoneham, in the County of Middlesex. Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Stoneham, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs to meet in the Town Hall

## MONDAY MARCH 4, 1940

at seven o'clock in the morning, to act on the following articles of this warrant.

Article 1. To choose the following officers: Moderator for one year, Three Selectmen for one year, Town Clerk for three years, Town Treasurer for one year, Tax Collector for one year, One Assessor for three years, Three Constables for one year, One Assessor for three years, One member of the Board of Public Welfare for three years, Three Constables for one year, one member of the Board of Health for three years, Two members of the School Committee for three years, Tree Warden for one year One Park Commissioner for three years, Two Trustees of the Public Library for three years, One Trustee of Lindenwood Cemetery for five years. All on one ballot.

The polls will be open at seven o'clock in the forenoon and closed at eight o'clock in the evening.

**FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF THE FOLLOWING ARTICLES, THE MEETING WILL BE ADJOURNED TO MEET AT THIRTY MINUTES AFTER SEVEN O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING, ON MONDAY, MARCH 11, 1940.**

Article 2. To choose all other necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing in such manner as the Town shall determine.

Article 3. To hear the reports of Town Officers and Committees and to act thereon and to choose Committees.

Article 4. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year, by taxation or transfer from available funds, and to make appropriations for the same.

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1940, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any

note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, General Laws.

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money for general municipal purposes under authority of and in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 49, of the Acts of 1933 as amended.

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to pay the rent of quarters or to lease quarters for the use of Leon E. Warren Camp 31, U. S. W. V.; Stoneham Post No. 115, American Legion; raise and appropriate money therefor or do anything in relation thereto.

Article 8. To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Health to make appointments from its own membership to the following positions; Health Officer, Milk Inspector, Collector and Analyst of Milk Samples, Board of Health Physician, and raise and appropriate money for salaries of said officers. (Board of Health.)

Article 9. To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Health to contract for a term of years for the removal and disposal of ashes, paper and other waste, and also for the removal and disposal of garbage or do anything in relation thereto. (Board of Health.)

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for Christmas lighting; appoint a Committee to expend such sum or do anything in relation thereto. (Planning Board.)

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate money for the Town's share of WPA expenses and determine how the appropriation shall be raised, by borrowing or otherwise, or do anything in relation thereto. (Board of Selectmen.)

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum sufficient to pay the County of Middlesex, as required by law, the Town's share of the net cost of the care, maintenance, and repair of the Middlesex County Tuberculosis Hospital, as assessed in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 111 of the General Laws and Acts in amendment thereof and in addition thereto and including Chapter 400, Section 25 G (6) (a) of the Acts of 1936, or take any action in relation thereto. (County Commissioners.)

Article 13. To see what action the Town will take regard-

ing the disposition of unexpended balances of appropriations made for specific purposes as follows:

Police Radio .....	\$2.68
Lindenwood Cemetery Fence .....	2.25
(Town Accountant.)	

Article 14. (a) To see what action the Town will take regarding the disposition of the unexpended balances of appropriations for the resurfacing of Green Street (1938 Project) amounting to \$882.49.

(b) To see if the Town will vote to make an appropriation by transfer or otherwise for a deficit of \$1,354.26 on the resurfacing of Green Street (1937 Project) or do anything in relation thereto. (Town Accountant.)

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate money to pay unpaid bills incurred during the year 1939 in connection with WPA projects or do anything in relation thereto. (Board of Selectmen.)

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to issue and sell, from time to time, as occasion requires, town notes, bonds, or other evidences of indebtedness, for the purpose of defraying the cost of extending water mains or relaying water mains within the limits of the Town, to an amount not exceeding twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000.00), pass any vote or votes relative thereto, or do anything in relation to the same. (Selectmen.)

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate money from the proceeds of a water loan or otherwise for the laying and relaying of water mains. (Selectmen.)

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to sell, rent, lease or otherwise dispose of the land and buildings of the Old North School, Old South School and Armory Hall and appoint a committee consisting of the Board of Selectmen and two others to carry into effect any vote passed under this Article or do anything in relation thereto. (Selectmen.)

Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to sell, rent, lease or otherwise dispose of the Old East School, land and building, and appoint a committee to carry into effect any vote passed under this Article, or do anything in relation thereto. (Frank J. Gallagher.)

Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate money for the care and maintenance of the Old North

School, Old South School, Old East School and Armory Hall or do anything in relation thereto. (Selectmen.)

Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to purchase the following described parcel of land with buildings thereon, owned by the John P. Stevens Estate, for parking space and other municipal purposes: Southeasterly by Fuller Street, one hundred eighty (180) feet; Southwesterly by Franklin Street, one hundred twenty-three and 15/100 (123.15) feet, more or less; Northwest-erly, on various courses, in part by land now or formerly of Deferrari and in part by land now or formerly of Wills; North-easterly by Block Street, one hundred fifty (150) feet, more or less. (Estate of John P. Stevens.)

Article 22. To see if the Town will vote to purchase for a playground a certain parcel of land owned by George Cole bounded by Park, Winthrop and Dean Streets and land now owned by said Cole containing 75,076 square feet of land more or less as shown on a plan made by Dana F. Perkins, Civil Engineer and Surveyor, dated August 22, 1938; raise and appropriate money therefore or do anything in relation thereto. (George Cole)

Article 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate money for the placing underground of the municipal wires on Central Street, between the Fire and Police Station and Common Street, the installation of new equipment in connection with the fire alarm system and the installation of a new fire alarm box on Central Street near the Town Hall, or do anything in relation thereto.

Article 24. To see if the Town will vote to clean and repair the brook through Lindenwood Cemetery, raise and appropriate money therefor, by taxation or transfer from funds received from sale of lots and graves, or do anything in relation thereto. (Trustees of Lindenwood Cemetery.)

Article 25. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate money for the Town's share of W. P. A. expense of building a stone wall at Lindenwood Cemetery, abutting Lindenwood Road and Montvale Avenue, or do anything in relation thereto. (Trustees of Lindenwood Cemetery.)

Article 26. To see if the Town will vote to purchase a sprayer and spray gun for moth work, raise and appropriate money therefor or do anything in relation thereto. (Superintendent of Moth Work.)

Article 27. To see if the Town will vote to purchase a one and one-half ton truck for the use of the Park Department,



raise and appropriate money therefor, or do anything in relation thereto. (Park Commissioners.)

Article 28. To see if the Town will vote to purchase a motor pumping engine for use of Fire Department, raise and appropriate money therefor, or do anything in relation thereto. (Fire Department Engineers.)

Article 29. To see if the Town will vote to purchase a cruising automobile for the Police Department, raise and appropriate money therefor, or do anything in relation thereto; and also authorize the disposal of one automobile now used by said department. (Police Department.)

Article 30. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purchase of a motorcycle equipped with radio for the police department and authorize said department to sell or turn in one motorcycle now on hand or do anything in relation thereto. (Police Department.)

Article 31. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the installation of a teletypewriter in the Police Department, or do anything in relation thereto. (Police Department.)

Article 32. To see if the Town will vote to purchase a coupe for the use of the Superintendent of Public Works, raise and appropriate money therefor, or do anything in relation thereto. (Superintendent of Public Works.)

Article 33. To see if the Town will vote to purchase a five ton truck for the use of the Public Works Department, raise and appropriate money therefor, or do anything in relation thereto. (Superintendent of Public Works.)

Article 34. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate money for the expenses of the Public Works Department in connection with WPA projects, or do anything in relation thereto. (Superintendent of Public Works.)

Article 35. To see if the Town will vote to purchase as an addition to the Public Works yard, land adjacent to said yard, owned by Joseph Butler, having an area of 56,986 square feet more or less, raise and appropriate money therefor by the sale of notes, bonds or otherwise, or do anything in relation thereto. (Joseph Butler.)

Article 36. To see if the Town will vote to accept the relocation of the following streets as laid out by the Board of Survey: Park Avenue, Emerson Street, Common Street. (Selectmen.)

Article 37. To see if the Town will vote to accept as a public town way, Philips Road, (so-called) as laid out by the Board of Survey. (Residents of Street.)

Article 38. To see if the Town will vote to resurface Philips Road, (so-called), under the law relating to assessment of betterments or otherwise, raise and appropriate money therefor, or do anything in relation thereto. (Residents of Street.)

Article 39. To see if the Town will vote to accept as a public town way, Chestnut Road, (so-called) as laid out by the Board of Survey. (Residents of Street.)

Article 40. To see if the Town will vote to resurface Chestnut Road, (so-called) under the law relating to assessment of betterments or otherwise, raise and appropriate money therefor, or do anything in relation thereto.

Article 41. To see if the Town will vote to accept as a public town way, Grant Street, (so-called) as laid out by the Board of Survey. (Residents of Street.)

Article 42. To see if the Town will vote to resurface Grant Street, (so-called) under the law relating to assessment of betterments or otherwise, raise and appropriate money therefor, or do anything in relation thereto. (Residents of Street.)

Article 43. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate money for the maintenance of highways which have been constructed with State and County aid under Provisions of Chapter 90, General Laws, or do anything in relation thereto. (Superintendent of Public Works.)

Article 44. To see if the Town will vote to resurface Spring Street, between East Street and the Stoneham-Wakefield line, or any part thereof, raise and appropriate money therefor by the sale of notes, bonds or otherwise, or do anything in relation thereto. (Mary Scurto.)

Article 45. To see if the Town will vote to resurface Central Street, between Central Square and Elm Street, raise and appropriate money therefor by the sale of notes, bonds or otherwise, or do anything in relation thereto. (Selectmen.)

Article 46. To see if the Town will vote to rescind the vote passed under Article 21 of the warrant for the annual town meeting for the year 1939 providing for the moving of the traffic signals now at the junction of Elm Street and Central Street to the junction of Pond Street and Summer Street. (Superintendent of Public Works.)

Article 47. To see if the Town will vote to equip the traffic signals at the junction of Elm Street and Central Street with pedestrian push buttons, raise and appropriate money therefor or do anything in relation thereto. (Superintendent of Public Works.)

Article 48. To see if the Town will vote to equip the traffic signals at the junction of Montvale Avenue, Wright Street and Cottage Street with pedestrian push buttons, raise and appropriate money therefor, or do anything in relation thereto. (Superintendent of Public Works.)

Article 49. To see if the Town will vote to install traffic signals at the junction of Pond Street and Summer Street, raise and appropriate money therefor, or do anything in relation thereto. (Superintendent of Public Works.)

Article 50. To see if the Town will vote to erect bleachers, and an enclosing fence with entrances, on Recreation Park (formerly known as Gould Meadow) raise and appropriate money therefor or do anything in relation thereto. (Park Commissioners.)

Article 51. To see if the Town will vote to appoint a committee to make a study of public transportation as it affects the Town and raise and appropriate money to be used by said committee for investigation purposes, or do anything in relation thereto. (Albert P. Rounds.)

Article 52. To see if the Town will vote to accept Chapter 312 of the Acts of 1938 entitled "An Act Relative to the Removal of the Superintendent of Public Works in the Town of Stoneham", which Act reads as follows:

Section 1. Chapter two hundred and seventy-three of the acts of nineteen hundred and thirteen is hereby amended by striking out section seven and inserting in place thereof the two following sections: Section 7. A majority of the board of selectmen may remove the superintendent of public works by filing a written statement with the town clerk, setting forth in detail the specific reasons for his removal, a copy of which shall be delivered or mailed to said superintendent; provided, that, if the superintendent so requests, a hearing shall be given him.

Section 7A. Within thirty days after the hearing provided for in section seven, the superintendent so removed may bring a petition in the district court within the judicial district of which he resides, addressed to the justice of the court, praying that the action of the board of selectmen may be reviewed by the court, and, after such notice to said board as the court deems necessary,

it shall review such action, hear the witnesses, and shall affirm the decision of said board unless it shall appear that it was made without proper cause or in bad faith, in which case said decision shall be reversed and the petitioner be reinstated in his office without loss of compensation. The decision of the court shall be final and conclusive upon the parties.

Section 2. This act shall take full effect upon its acceptance by a majority of the registered voters of the town of Stoneham, voting thereon by official ballot at an annual town meeting, or voting thereon at a special town meeting called for the purpose.

Article 53. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to sell any or all properties acquired by the Town through foreclosure of tax titles. (Committee for Tax Title Survey.)

Article 54. To see if the Town will vote to Amend Article II of the By-Laws by adding the following section:

Section No. 7. All officers, boards and committees charged with equipment, shall on or before December 1 of each year list said equipment upon forms approved by the Finance and Advisory Board. Said list shall be filed with the Town Accountant, who shall transmit same to the Clerk of the Finance and Advisory Board. (Finance and Advisory Board.)

Article 55. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Moderator to appoint a committee of five to look into the advisability of disposing of land and buildings of the old North, South and East Schools, and the Armory Hall, and report at the next annual Town Meeting, or any previous special Town Meeting. (Planning Board.)

Article 56. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning By-Law by adding to the present limits of the Retail Business District as heretofore defined and set forth, so as to include in the Retail Business District the following described area, to wit: Beginning at a point on the westerly side of Park Street at the northerly line of land of Nora T. Mosley, thence southerly along said Park Street, 180 feet more or less to a point at southerly line of land of said Nora T. Mosley and land of Nora T. Fallon; thence continuing along said Park Street and land of said Fallon in a southerly direction, 85 feet more or less to a point; thence turning at right angles and running 150 feet by said land of Fallon to a point; thence turning at right angles and running by said Fallon land in a northerly direction by a line parallel to and distant 150 feet from said Park Street, 85 feet more or less to a point at land of said Nora T. Mosley;



thence continuing in a northerly direction by said Mosley land by a line parallel to and distant 150 feet from said Park Street, 180 feet more or less to a point at northerly line of said Mosley land; thence turning at right angles and running by said Mosley land 150 feet to the point of beginning. Containing 39,750 square feet of land more or less. (Nora T. Mosley and Nora T. Fallon.)

Article 57. To see if the Town will vote to amend Article I, Section 10, sub-section (a) of the Zoning By-Law, by striking out the words "convalescent homes" where the same may appear, so that sub-section (a) will read as follows:

(a) An existing double or duplex house if injured by fire may be reconstructed.

A detached single house may be altered and used as a place of residence for two families, providing the area of the lot complies with the area restrictions for two-family houses. A duplex or semi-detached house may be erected provided the area restrictions are as follows: 15 feet from any lot line and 30 feet from any residence building on the same lot.

Buildings may be altered and premises used for the following purposes, semi-public, philanthropic, charitable, or religious institutions hospitals, sanitarium, not including a correctional institution or place of detention, in accordance with Article 2, Section 4.

Nothing herein shall be construed to allow the operation of an institution for the treatment of mental diseases. (Planning Board.)

And you are directed to have one thousand copies of this warrant printed, and to serve the same by posting up attested copies in at least ten public places in the Town seven days at least, before the time for holding said meeting, and by causing an attested copy to be published in some newspaper in the Town, the publication to be not less than three days before said meeting.

The remaining copies you are to have at the place and time of meeting as aforesaid for distribution.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.



Given under our hands this thirtieth day of January in the  
year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty.

HARRY R. DOCKAM

ALMOND H. SMITH

WILLIAM D. DESMOND

Selectmen of Stoneham.

A true copy, attest

J. CLARENCE NELSON,

Constable

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